

The Open Door Newsletter

October 2019



This Month's Fellowship Services

Fellowship Services are held at 10 a.m. on the Northland College Campus in the Alvord Theater of the Ponzio Center unless otherwise noted below. Find us on the web at www.chequamegonuuf.org

October 13—Speaker: David Saetre—*“Everything is Holy Now”*

David's talk focuses on the idea of the sacred in spirituality and religions. From a lifelong study of world religions to an active engagement with the natural world, a new sense of what constitutes the sacred has emerged. Our world is filled with a geography of the sacred from Mt. Sinai to Bear Butte, and from the Temple Mount to Mecca. Humans have historically identified certain texts as “sacred”—the Bible and the Koran for example. But what makes something “sacred”? What makes something or some experiences “holy”? Do we still have experiences that feel sacred? Is anything sacred anymore?

David draws on sources as diverse as Asian religions and Indigenous traditions, as well as modern explorations of nature as holy, to propose a more meaningful idea—sanctity—and what constitutes sacred reality.

October 27—Speakers: Deb and Jeff Lewis—*“Embracing the Shadows of Life”*

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, was created by the early Christian church as a day of remembrance of the faithful departed. A popular belief arose that the “veil” between our world and the spiritual realm of the dead was “thinnest” on the evening before, or Allhallowtide (also known as All Hallow E'en—Halloween!). How do we remember and honor our departed loved ones today? Deb and Jeff Lewis will explore and share lessons from their family's journey to the shadow of death and back.

Each year, our late October service draws on rich traditions to celebrate All Hallows' Day. The ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which honors the harvest and the liminal space that surrounds it, predated medieval Christian remembrances. All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day), along with the well-known Day of the Dead festival, grew out these early traditions.

This service seeks to honor those traditions while creating our own Unitarian Universalist rituals. Everyone is invited to take part in creating our sacred altar. You may want to bring photographs or mementos of loved ones who have passed (animals included), harvest foods, and decorations—artifacts that honor those you wish remember on this day. During the service you will also have the opportunity to light a candle to honor a loved departed one.

The Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of any age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, ability, religion or cultural background.

CUUF Fall and Winter Service Schedule and Upcoming Events

October 6	The Other Sunday—Northland College Campus Ponzio Center, Alvord Theater
October 5-6	Invite to Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship in Thunder Bay, Ontario
October 13	Fellowship Service—Speaker David Saetre: Everything Is Holy Now
October 13	Border Justice Event at United Presbyterian Congregational Church, 1:30-5:00 p.m.
October 20	UU Women at 10 a.m.—Location to be determined (watch your email)
October 27	Fellowship All Hallows' Day Service—Speakers Deb and Jeff Lewis
November 3	Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m.—Set your clocks back!
November 10	Fellowship Service—Speaker Todd Rothe
November 24	Fellowship Service—Speaker David Saetre: Memory and Meaning
December 8	Fellowship Service—Speaker David Saetre: To Love and Be Loved
December 15	Fellowship Service—Holiday Service
January 12	To Be Determined
January 26	Fellowship Service—Speaker Kevin McMullin

CUUF Office—Please Note New Office Hours



The CUUF office is located on the third floor of the Vaughn Library in Ashland—room 309. Adam, our friendly office administrator, keeps not-always-but-usually office hours on **Mondays** from 10 a.m. until noon. You are welcome to stop by during those hours, but please call ahead as Adam is not there every single Monday. You can reach him on his cell

phone at 651-303-6931. If you miss him in the office, he's always accessible by email at cuufad@gmail.com. He loves visitors!

Support the BRICK Food Shelf

Starting October 13, please bring a non-perishable food item to every worship service to add to our local food shelf. A member of our Social Justice Committee will deliver our contributions to the BRICK Food Shelf. We already have a host of members contributing to the food shelf work. Let's add our contributions to that important work.

Pledge Letters are Late!

Along with fall leaves and the start of services, you will receive a letter asking for your pledge of financial support for the Fellowship's 2019-20 service year. The letters are late because they have required extra work by the CUUF Board and Stewardship Committee to deal with a troubling financial issue. Our budget last year was \$53,626 and we spent \$47,536. Donations last year were \$37,331. The \$10K shortfall was met using the \$5K left in our Chalice Lighters grant, \$2K from our checking account, and \$3K from our reserves. Although our membership increased from 67 to 79 between 2017 and 2018, our income increased by just \$1,000.

At the September Board meeting, a 2019-20 budget of \$55,535 was initially approved; this is a 4% increase from 2018-19. However, after last year's shortfall it was clear that we must both increase donations and decrease our budget to prevent the same thing from happening again this year. Accordingly, the board has approved a reduced 2019-20 budget of \$47,536—18% lower than the original and 11% less than our 2018-19 budget. The new budget does not reduce funding for our Minister and staff, for Religious Education, or for our regular Sunday services, but it does eliminate all contingency items and reduce our MidAmerica/UUA dues and Northland College donation. If additional spending in these categories is needed, the Board will request a special collection or donation.

So, while this year's pledge letter will ask all of us to increase our contributions—by an average of almost 30%—it will also report that the Board is committed to reducing our spending as much as possible while still supporting the CUUF mission and values.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Fellowship community.

Ed Calhan, Treasurer

From the Minister's Desk

We are a diverse group. Our Fellowship includes members and friends from all three Chequamegon cities and reaches as far as the South Shore, Cable and Barnes, and beyond. We also come from different backgrounds, religious heritages, and social and economic demographics. What unites us is a set of principles and sources that we can affirm and promote, a belief that exploring the depth and breadth of spiritual and moral concerns liberates our day-to-day experience, and a desire to affirm one another in the joys and concerns through our lives' journeys. We see ourselves as more than a social club and different from a political movement. We are an experiment in community. We gather to celebrate and grieve, to sing and to speak, to learn and to teach, to challenge and affirm, all while honoring the differences and unique perspectives among us.

The UUA describes our congregations this way: *We are people of all ages, people of many backgrounds, and people of many beliefs. We are brave, curious and compassionate thinkers and doers. We create spirituality and community beyond boundaries, working for more justice and more love in our own lives and in the world.* We typically avoid dogmatic declarations, and we do not insist that others agree with us. At the same time, we do promote our values, and we believe it is our duty to teach these values to a new generation. And we hope that our values and our moral convictions guide our actions.

We also know that we are stronger when we act together—that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. That's true for social action, but it is also true for our interior life. Life is too lonely if we try to go it alone. We need each other. For me, there is a close link between hospitality and social justice. The way we affirm each and demonstrate friendship forms the bonds of community that allows us to stand together in the larger society. There's a bit of "Quaker" in me I suppose, a vision of a society of friends.

The bonds of friendship, support for each other through the triumphs and vicissitudes of life, a shared set of values and principles, a free search for truths that guide one, a commitment to raising our children well, a sense of duty to the larger society and world—these things define us. Add to that list an appreciation for music and the arts and the joy of being together, and there you have it—the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. All this transcends any one person (including the minister) and is worthy of your enduring support and best efforts.

—David

Border Justice Workshop and Family Sponsorship

I encourage you to participate in the October 13 "Border Justice Workshop". The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Congregational

Church in Ashland. Our Social Justice Committee and our Fellowship are official sponsors of this event. We have added reason to support this cause with the recent announcement that an asylum-seeking family will join the Ashland community by the time you receive this newsletter! Diane Koosed and Scott Lake are sponsoring a family of three. I'm calling on our Fellowship to support them with time, treasure, and skills in this brave commitment.

The workshop addresses the ongoing crisis and social injustice waged against refugees and migrants by the President and the U.S. administration. The family separation policies have continued in veiled forms. Almost everything about our southern border policies violates the moral sensibilities and principles we hold dear. In response, we have joined with other community and church leaders to form the Ashland Border Justice Coalition.

The workshop features a keynote address by Nathan Roter, director of the RAICES Bond Fund, a Texas-based fund that gets people out of and seeks to end ICE detention. We also welcome Michele McKenzie of Human Rights Advocacy, a Twin Cities legal aid group dedicated to assisting immigrants and refugees who are facing threats of deportation.

The event will inform and educate us on the critical range of issues related to our southern border and will help guide our future efforts to create a more just society. AND we will learn ways in which we can support our local family. More information on this event can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

—David

The Other Sunday—Going Green at CUUF

Please join us for our next Other Sunday on October 6 at 10 a.m. in the Alvord Theater of the Ponzio Center on the Northland College Campus, Ashland.

The Other Sunday for October will feature a conversation on climate change, the environment, and our Seventh Principle: “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” This is part of a national movement among Unitarian Universalist churches called the Green Sanctuary Movement. The UUA describes Green Sanctuary as “a unique opportunity for deep congregational growth and transformation through a commitment to make every aspect of congregational life as sustainable and environmentally responsible as possible.”

At our spring annual meeting, members of our Fellowship encouraged us to embrace this movement and begin educating ourselves toward action on the critical environmental issues of our time. This includes, preeminently, global climate change. The mounting evidence of “tipping points” and the profound consequences of climate change present existential threats to the life of the planet.

We have been moved by amazing Greta Thunberg and Ashland’s youth—Ella Syverson, Quinn Godfrey, Oleana Jurewicz, and others—as a global youth movement invigorates our conscience. The conversation needs to reach a deeper level. We begin with “The Other Sunday” conversation on climate change and the environment and what we might do as a UU congregation.

In preparation for our conversation I encourage you to look at the UUA website on Green Sanctuaries at <https://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary/becoming>. The UUA website also hosts pages on climate justice, beginning with <https://www.uua.org/environment>.

The Other Sunday occurs once each month as an informal gathering and discussion around a theme. The theme may include issues related to our Fellowship life, a contemporary social issue such as climate change and the environment, or personal faith explorations.

We welcome members and friends to this discussion. Please note that we do not provide child care and we do not have our regular Religious Education program on these Sundays.

UU Women will meet...somewhere...on Sunday, October 20 at 10 a.m. We’re experimenting to see if we can find a place for gathering where we can have everything we need—coffee, food, and an environment conducive to group conversation. If you have feedback on any of the places we’ve tried, or have ideas for other places, please contact Jill at 715-373-5908. Watch for further announcements about October’s gathering!

Hospitality Schedule

Hospitality hosts for upcoming services are as follows:

	<u>Contact Person and Set Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>
October 13	Nicole & Alan Brew 715-746-2224	Deb & Bob Aaron 715-373-0201	Julie Sorensen 715-209-4998
October 27	Jacki Rae-Ledin & Terry Ledin 715-373-0347	Jen and Jeff Banowetz 715-373-5025	Kate & Dave Ullman 608-332-9570 Kris Wegerson & John Ipsen 218-343-1445
November 10	Mary Rehwald 715-682-4662	Chris and Norm Engstrom 715-292-6448	Warren Kehn 715-681-0447
November 24	Kathy Tenney 715-685-2577	Irene Blakely 715-373-2907	Kristi Kiel 715-292-6219
December 8	Karen Ruedi Crowell 715-373-2524	Donn & Ann Christensen 715-373-5013	Marilyn Wilson 715-373-1001 Todd & Kelsey Rothe 715-278-3383
December 15	Holiday Service potluck to which everyone contributes.		

Social Justice News

Many months ago, long before we began calling ourselves the Chequamegon Border Justice Coalition, we began discussing the possibility of hosting an asylum seeker, and the possibility of hosting a community event to learn and explore together the situation for immigrants at our southern border. What were possibilities then are NOW realities!

Hosting Asylum Seekers

Our community is gaining a family. We welcome the Salinas family, seeking asylum from the life-threatening dangers they faced in Honduras. Luis and Judith, and their nine-year-old daughter Estrella will arrive in Ashland on September 30th! Because we (the “Koolakes” -- Diane Koosed and Scott Lake) have the space, time, and energy for sharing our home, we will be the physical hosts for our compas (compadres, compañeros). With the warm and loving support of our community, they will find a new life where they can heal and begin to prepare for a safe future. The Salinas family has many challenges ahead of them, all with the uncertainty of the final outcome at their immigration hearing. But they will face these challenges with our support. There will be many ways to become involved with this journey. So many of you have expressed the desire to help and have already shown emotional support to us as we prepare for this big and exciting change in our lives. The CUUF community is strong and loving. It means the world to us, as it will to Luis, Judith, and Estrella.

—submitted by Diane Koosed

Community Event—Justice on our Southern Border: Learn What’s Happening and Find Ways to Help

Please join us for a community workshop—Justice on our Southern Border: Learn What’s Happening/Find Ways to Help which will be held on Sunday, October 13, 1:30-5:00 p.m. at United Presbyterian Congregational Church, 214 Vaughn Avenue in Ashland (enter at the street level door on Vaughn Avenue—accessible space).

We are very fortunate to have Nathan Roter as keynote speaker, coming to us from the renowned organization RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services) in San Antonio. Following his talk, there will be the opportunity to attend two of these breakout sessions:

- Sponsorship—Learn about the process for sponsoring asylum seekers. Explore specific ways that you are needed for our new Honduran family. Hear from a host and his compa, hoping to come from Minneapolis to share with us their story.
- Advocacy—Learn strategies for becoming an effective advocate on immigration and asylum issues. David Saetre will be joined by Michele MacKenzie, the Director of Advocacy at Advocates for Human Rights in Minneapolis-St.Paul.
- Addressing Push Factors—Learn why asylum seekers are leaving their homes in Central America. Hear from members of our larger community who have first-hand knowledge and experience in Honduras: Kathy Gang, Kim Bro, and Roxanna Turner.
- Direct Action—What can you do to help on the front lines? What other forms of meaningful action can you take?

The closing roundtable will be led by Angela Stroud, Professor of Sociology and Social Justice at Northland College. And... Where do we go from here?

Please help spread the word about this important event, and JOIN US! All are welcome.

—submitted by Diane Koosed, koolake@gmail.com, 715-979-1723

A Special Note From the Minister

The recent developments in our national politics raise the level of anxiety over the immediate fortunes of our country. After three years of constant noise and turmoil, the House of Representatives has launched a formal impeachment of the President. And the effects of ever-deepening polarization reach into local communities and our attempts to be a self-governing people. The news makes my head and heart reel. Environmental tipping points, courageous youth in the streets, wars and rumors of war in the Middle East, economic anxiety and uncertainty – the list goes on.

You don't need me to join the ocean of political pundits that fill the news. Yet, I feel compelled to add a note to this newsletter because the coming months will be filled with stories that challenge our sense of well-being. It has also recently occurred to me that nearly every one of our Principles is and has been under assault. We prize the free exercise of the democratic process, we believe that justice and equity are essential for free societies, we value the inherent worth of every person, we celebrate the use of reason and evidence (including humanist and empirical, scientific inquiry), and we regard the environment as an interdependent web requiring our utmost respect. Again, our deepest values are under assault. And a day of reckoning seems to be at hand.

I can't think of time in my life when the need for supportive, loving, and prophetic witness is more important. Let's hold one another's joys and concerns with a sense of sacred trust and support. As the old hymn declared, "Blest be the ties that bind our hearts with love." So, love generously and live courageously, stay awake and alert, support core values boldly, and do not give in to fear.

—David

The Peace of Wild Things

By Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

—submitted by Diane Littel



I Say It Touches Us

By Rev. Dr. Marni Harmony

I say that it touches us that our blood is sea water and our tears are salt, that the seed of our bodies is scarcely different from the same cells in a seaweed, and that the stuff of our bones is like the coral.

I say that the tide rolls in on us, whether we like it or no, and the sands of time keep running their intended course.

I say we have to go down into the wave's trough to find ourselves, and then ride her swell until we can see beyond ourselves into our neighbor's eye.

I say that we shall never leave the harbor if we do not hoist the sail.

I say that we have got to walk the waves as well as solid ground.

I say that anyone who goes without consciousness of this will remain chained to a rusty anchor.

May the journey find us worthy.

Amen.

—submitted by Ed Calhan

“Look past your thoughts, so you may drink the pure nectar of This Moment.”

—Rumi

Risk

By Rev. Dr. Marni Harmony

If, on a starlit night, with the moon brilliantly shimmering,
We stay inside and do not venture out,
the evening universe remains a part of life we shall not know. . . .

If, on a cloudy day, with grayness infusing all and rain dancing rivers in the grass,
We stay inside and do not venture out,
the stormy, threatening energy of the universe remains a part of life we shall not know.

If, on a frosty morning, dreading the chilling air before the sunrise,
We stay inside and do not venture out,
the awesome cold, quiet stillness of the dawn universe remains a part of life we shall not know.

If, throughout these grace-given days of ours, surrounded as we are by green light and brown death,
hot pink joy and cold grey pain and miracles—always miracles—

If we stay inside ourselves and do not venture out,
then the Fullness of the universe shall be unknown to us
and our locked hearts will never feel the rush of worship.

—submitted by Ed Calhan

Religious Education News

We look forward to a new and growing year for our CUUF children and youth. We have a record number of volunteer teachers, a new co-director, and a strong number of students in each class. As you may know, we are offering the “Coming of Age” curriculum for our youth for the first time in quite a few years. New “Tapestry of Faith” curricula will cover our K-2 and 3-5 grade level classes. We have some initial plans for further developing our preschool program in cooperation with Northland’s teacher education program. Plans for the holiday play are taking form as we all enjoy the beautiful season of putting nature to rest for a season of long, cold nights.

“Creating Home” will be the focus for our K-2 class. This program will help children develop a sense of home that is grounded in faith. They will explore the deep sense of sacredness, the beauty of hospitality, and the gift of loving relationships that home can represent.

Our 3-5 grade class will work with “Toolbox of Faith”. This program invites children to reflect on the qualities of our UU faith, such as integrity, courage, and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. The classes use tools as a metaphor for important qualities of our faith.

Our grades 6 and older will work with the “Coming of Age” program for the next two years. As youth prepare to leave childhood, they are maturing physically, cognitively, emotionally, and spiritually. This maturation opens the door for greater understanding of their faith. The program addresses changes in youth’s spiritual and faith development and offers new ways to experience Unitarian Universalism. It will ask youth to reflect upon what it means to be a UU while providing a safe environment for questioning. Through activities, relationship building, and involvement in the broader community, the lessons learned will accompany youth on their journeys of spiritual self-awareness.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm of our Fellowship to support our children and youth in the religious education program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the co-directors.

Deb Aaron and David Skogen
RE Co-directors

Seventh Principle Column



Perspectives on Our Seventh Principal

To be enlightened or to be unenlightened, that is the question of the night sky. September 15-21 was “Night Sky Week”. I wouldn’t have known had not the emissaries of Starry Skies Lake Superior IDA (International Dark-Sky Association) brought their presentations to the Washburn Harbor View Event Center and to Northland College. I learned that when and how we use light has environmental implications.

The presentations highlighted biological and psychological impacts of light in our environment. Not being an expert I hesitate to summarize their commentary, but you can find out what this is all about by going to www.StarrySkiesLS.org.

Our Seventh Principle: “... We believe that we should care for our planet earth.”

—Submitted by George Bussey

Editor’s Note: We invite other members of the Fellowship to submit short pieces for a column devoted to the Seventh Principle.

Unitarian Universalist Common Read

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.

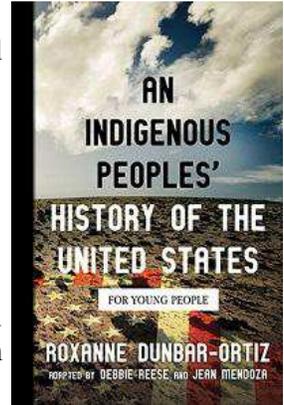
The Common Read Selection Committee is pleased to announce that *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019) are the Common Read for the 2019-2020 service year.

In 2015, Beacon Press published an extraordinary book by Indigenous scholar and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz that challenged readers to learn US history through a narrative that centers the story, the experiences, and the perspectives of Indigenous peoples. In 2019, Beacon Press published an adaptation for young people by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. Upending myths and misinformation that have been promulgated by leaders and media, it asks readers to reconsider the origin story of the United States taught to every US school child.

In 2020, our nation will approach the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, and our own General Assembly 2020, in Providence, RI, will speak to the truths that contradict the mythology. At the same time, movements in response to global and local environmental emergencies, many involving UUs, are increasingly recognizing the connection between Indigenous rights and climate justice. This Common Read invites UU congregations, communities, and individuals to learn the story of trauma and resilience that is the Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.

If you are not familiar at all with this history, we suggest that you read the version for young people. The discussion guide, available in mid-October, will work for readers of either version. Note: the original version is available as an audio book.

—from the UUA



Stop Line 5

There will be an informational meeting regarding Line 5 on Tuesday, October 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

In July, the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa told Enbridge they must remove the Line 5 pipeline from their land. They called on Enbridge to decommission and remove the Line 5 pipeline. Instead of listening and recognizing the writing-on-the-wall in Michigan and the calls to shut down Line 5, Enbridge is moving forward on re-routing Line 5 in the Bad River Watershed and upstream of Copper Falls State Park.

Join us on October 1 to discuss the impacts, connect with concerned neighbors, and discuss what we can do. Chairman Mike Wiggins will speak at the event in support of the Line 5 lawsuit and to help educate neighbors in the watershed from further degradation like described above. This event will be an opportunity to connect with your concerned neighbors, learn about action steps through a Q&A session, and watch the documentary film "LN3." LN3 sheds light on how "predatory industry has hijacked our regulatory system, placing ancient food systems and a fifth of the world's freshwater at risk." The film features the Anishinaabe-led alliance to take on Big Oil and their enablers in northern Minnesota; a battle for the Earth.

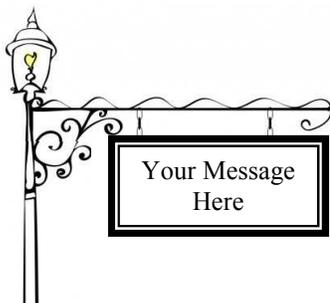
—This information is from the [website](#) of the Sierra Club. The event is sponsored by the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa.



PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)—Washburn reaches out to youth and adults throughout the Chequamegon Bay area. We are a local chapter of a national support, education, and advocacy organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people, along with their families, friends, and allies. PFLAG is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions.

We usually meet every other month—for dates and times, please check our website www.pflagwashburn.org or contact Nancy Hanson at 715-209-1100 or nancyhanson1958@yahoo.com. Meetings are generally held on the 3rd floor of the Washburn Cultural Center located at 1 East Bayfield Street in Washburn unless otherwise noted.

How 'bout a Kids' Column?



I need your submissions! Please send me notices of special events, community happenings, and fundraisers. Submit your photos, poems, essays, and artwork! Write up a little something about a topic that is important to you. Encourage your kids to submit something!

Our newsletter is our community! Send submissions to uunews@chequamegonuuf.org or call Kim at 715-373-5931.

In Our Community—Music, Dancing, Theater, and Rock Painting!

The first First Friday Dance of the season will be held on October 4 from 7-10 p.m. at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute of the Northland Campus. First Friday Dances, a long-standing tradition at Northland, are offered by the Northland College Student Association for the Ashland Community. Come and square dance the night away with a live band and a caller. Beginner and kids dancing will be at 7 p.m. and adult dancing will begin at 8 p.m.

Join Stagenorth and the Groundlings for *Leading Ladies*. Leo and Jack, two Shakespearian actors who are down on their luck, pose as the long-lost nieces of a dying woman in an effort to swindle her relatives out of an inheritance. Show dates and times are October 18-27 with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Chequamegon Theater Association in Ashland presents *Willy Wonka!* Join Charlie Bucket on his wild adventure in Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory in this delicious musical for the whole family. Show dates and times are October 25-27 and October 31-November 3 with evening shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. And, as usual, you just might see some familiar CUUF faces in the cast.

The Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra will kick off their new season on Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alvord Theater at Northland College. From their website: "This season's concerts will give us the opportunity to feature the recipients of the 2019 CSO Young Musician Award. Cellist Taylor Vyskocil will perform *Kol Nidre* by Max Bruch at our fall concert on Saturday November 2, 2019. The *Kol Nidre* is the holiest prayer in the Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur. As a piece of atonement, it will contrast with the rest of the program's repertoire of music inspired by love (gained and lost)."

Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy - P.I. Tchaikovsky
The Bartered Bride - Bedrich Smetana
The Black Swan - Bright Shen
Symphony No. 5, "Adagio" - Gustav Mahler
Kol Nidrei - Max Bruch, featuring Taylor Vyskocil, cello

Keep an eye on this site—<https://www.facebook.com/washburnrocks/>—to learn when Washburn Rocks will be having their next rock painting event! Participants paint rocks which are then hidden outdoors in Washburn's public places. Campgrounds, parks, trails, and beaches are all home to Washburn Rocks. It's free, anyone can join, and all supplies are provided thanks to a grant from Washburn Community Education Foundation. To date, over 200 treasures have been hidden around Washburn. I wonder how many have been found?

CHEQUAMEGON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

**We are a welcoming spiritual community that nurtures lifelong journeys of mind and spirit
in the liberal tradition.**

~ Founded, February 22, 1998 ~

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