

The Open Door Newsletter

April 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

April 7— Speaker: John Bates—“A Spirit of Place”

A place is a space with a story, composed of thousands and thousands of individual smaller stories woven together. What makes one place feel remarkable, even sacred, while another elicits little if any feeling? One question leads to another. What happens when we first enter a place? How can we fall in love with the world and see it as holy? What is at risk if we don't invest places with spirit, with reverence, with holiness?

John Bates writes extensively about and leads excursions into the beautiful Wisconsin northwoods. Come and listen and learn about the remarkable diversity and beauty of nature and our place within it. John and his wife, fiber artist Mary Burns, live on the Manitowish River in Iron County where they have raised two daughters.

April 14—Facilitator: Dori Davenport Thexton—“Life on the Other Side of David”

David Saetre has guided our fellowship since its early years. He has been our friend, our mentor, and our minister, and he is retiring at the end of 2019. Collectively we feel trepidation as we consider life on the other side of David. How will our fellowship change? Will we continue to grow? Who will guide us?

Join us as we explore these questions. The Other Sunday that was scheduled for April 14 has been cancelled so that we may instead work with a facilitator. We will meet in the upper level of the Ponzio Center from 10 a.m. until noon. Childcare will be provided and there will be hospitality following the session.

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April 21—Speaker: David Saetre—“Yes Gets the Last Word: The Idea of Salvation”

What do you do when all seems lost? When the diagnosis is bleak and the forecast calls for doom, when you're at wit's end and the world seems like it's going to hell in a handbasket, where do you turn? When you feel like you need to be saved, where do you find a lifeboat?

That's the stuff of religion. University of Chicago scholar Martin Riesebrodt has argued that the longing for salvation defines the common core of the world's religions. Traditions and myths from aboriginal, tribal religions all the way to the global, missionary religions from East to West all share a common search for salvation. From the certainty of our own mortality to the mass calamities that afflict our world, religions have historically tried to answer the question of suffering and catastrophe with visions of salvation. Christians, for example, celebrate Easter as the divine drama of salvation with their story of Jesus overcoming sin and death by his resurrection. Early Christians believed that the cruel and violent suffering imposed by the massive powers of religious and political empire were overturned by the story of resurrection. They also concluded that Jesus' vindication became the believer's vicarious victory—the Easter story became the believer's redemption. For the believer, the Jesus story became God's “Yes” to a world of “No's”.

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CUUF 2019 Winter and Spring Service Schedule and Upcoming Events

April 7	Fellowship Service—John Bates, Naturalist, and New Member Welcome Ceremony
April 7	Social Justice Committee Meeting, 12 p.m. at the Presbyterian Congregational Church
April 14	Ministerial Search Meeting with Facilitator Dori Davenport Thexton—10 a.m. in Ponzio
April 14	The Other Sunday—Cancelled
April 21	Fellowship Service—David Saetre: Yes Gets the Last Word: The Idea of Salvation (Eastertide)
April 22	CUUF Annual Meeting—6-8 p.m. at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute
April 28	UU Women—Café Coco at 10 a.m.
April 28	UU Men—Hiking at Morgan Falls—Meet at 10 a.m.
May 5	Fellowship Service—All-Music Service
May 12	The Other Sunday at 10 a.m.
May 18	The Great CUUF Garage Sale, Ashland
May 19	Fellowship Service—Flower Ceremony, Child Dedication, and Graduate Recognition
May 26	UU Women at 10 a.m., location to be determined
July	Picnic at the Saetre residence; watch for the June newsletter for details

CUUF Annual Meeting—April 22—Please Attend!

We'll be celebrating the 2018-19 service year and conducting the business of our thriving fellowship at our annual meeting on Monday, April 22, from 6-8 p.m. in the beautiful Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute building on the Northland College campus. CUUF members and friends, please join us for this event. We'll share readings, songs, and the work and joy of our community. Refreshments will be served.

This is our opportunity to put into practice our fifth principle: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large." You are part of what makes our lay-led fellowship work. Join us in a celebration of a productive 2018-19 service year and help set the stage for our future. We'll learn of the key accomplishments of and future plans for worship and religious education, learn about our budget and key financial decisions, elect new board members, and gain inspiration and a deeper understanding of our fellowship from our minister, David Saetre.

If you have topics for the agenda please email them to Courtney Remacle (president1@chequamegonuuf.org) or Zach Jurewicz (president2@chequamegonuuf.org). You will receive a copy of the meeting agenda and minutes of last year's minutes via email before the meeting. Additional copies of these items will be available at the meeting, along with reports from our minister, treasurer, and other CUUF leadership.

We look forward to your participation in the communal governance of our fellowship.

... continued from page 1—David Saetre's April 21 Service Description

I want to explore the idea of "salvation" together. Our fellowship has used Easter Sunday gatherings to explore alternative interpretations of the Christian story. In the past we have explored other resurrection narratives, from the Egyptian Osiris to the Greek's Orpheus and Eurydice. We have examined the ambiguities in the Christian Gospels to arrive at alternatives to evangelical dogma. We have also framed the Easter story around the common human anxiety over death as an existential threat to our search for meaning.

This year our Easter Sunday talk takes up the idea of salvation. What does it mean to be *saved*, and in what sense does one need a *savior*? When all seems lost, what in the world does a Unitarian do? Apart from the magical story of the dead coming back to life, a reconstruction of the Easter narrative seems to offer a life-affirming "Yes" to all of life's "No's". Finding that "Yes" is what a Unitarian (or anyone else) needs to do. Our Easter service is dedicated to celebrating that affirming word that encourages us to live into the fullness of our lives.

An Update from the Ministerial Search Committee

The Ministerial Search Committee (composed of Megan Perrine, Marilyn Einspanier, Deb Lewis, Zach Jurewicz, Kristi Kiel, Henry Quinlan, Irene Blakely, Karyn Watters, Emerson Ziehr, and Tommy Lewis) is making progress toward recruiting applicants to be our fellowship's new minister. We have been working hard and have already met four times this year. The minister job description has been finalized and, in order to reach as many applicants as possible, is being posted in a variety of locations including newspapers, seminaries, and the UUA website. Angela Stroud has been helping the Search Committee create a survey which will be used by the committee to gain a better understanding of our fellowship's priorities; the survey will be given in early April. We have consulted with the staff of the MidAmerica region of the UUA and they have recommended a facilitator, Dori Davenport Thexton, to aid us in this process. Dori will be leading facilitated meetings with both the fellowship as a whole and with the Search Committee on Sunday, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

If you have questions about the search for a new minister, please contact any member of the Search Committee. The application deadline for the position is May 1

April 14—Facilitator: Dori Davenport Thexton—*"Life on the Other Side of David"* ... continued from page 1

The MidAmerica office of the UUA has recommended facilitator, Dori Davenport Thexton, explore these questions with the fellowship. This will occur on April 14th during the 10-12am meeting time. Dori will lead an open discussion to discover what we individually value, in an effort to help us prioritize our collective needs. **Those attending will be asked for input.** This is not a fellowship service – there will be no rituals/songs/readings. Your voice is important and desired – whether you are a member or guest – we encourage you to attend.



The Ministerial Search Committee will be meeting with Dori later in the day. The information gathered in the morning session will be used to further guide the search committee in their efforts to find a part-time minister.

Our usual hospitality session, perhaps with a few extras, will be held afterwards. Childcare will be provided for the duration of the session. We'll meet in the upper level of the Ponzio Center at Northland College.

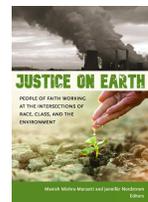
Dori Davenport Thexton has served Unitarian Universalism professionally since 1983. She was the Director of Religious Education at two congregations in the Midwest before working as part of the UUA field staff from 1998-2017. Dori is passionate about growing Unitarian Universalism and sees congregational health along with new and "beyond" forms of religious community as vital to our faith.

Dori and her husband Arthur live in Milwaukee, WI. Through mergers and acquisitions (Arthur is an attorney) they have five grown children and twelve grandchildren, who they enjoy greatly.

—Editor's note: This article was submitted by the Ministerial Search Committee and is being printed here without editing per its request

The Other Sunday—Winter Series—*Justice on Earth*

In case you missed it—our April 14 The Other Sunday is cancelled so that we may instead dedicate that day to the minister search process. Our next Other Sunday will be on May 12. Watch for more information in the May newsletter.



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

Notes From the Treasurer

The CUUF Annual Meeting will be on Monday, April 22, from 6-8 p.m. at Northland's Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute. There are two items from the Treasurer's report to consider before the meeting.

The first is a concern that our income this year is 10% below what it was last year. In 2017-18 contributions were \$3000 short of expenses and were covered with part of the \$8000 Chalice Lighter's grant we received from the UUA MidAmerica Region. Expenses this year will be about the same percentage of budget as in previous years but, with 10% less income, the fellowship will need to use the grant's remaining \$5000 to break even. The Chalice Lighter grant was awarded to help us through the financial commitment of hiring our first part-time minister until we were able to support the additional expenses on our own. If you have yet to make an annual contribution, if you have an outstanding pledge amount yet to pay, or if you are able to afford an additional donation, please help us meet this goal.

The second item is a request for two or three people to work with the CUUF Treasurer. Our current financial practices are a labor-intensive mix of paper and spreadsheets that have never been reviewed, documented, or given an internal audit. The fellowship also wants to find a way to make better use of its investment in the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund, which could be both a tax advantage for contributors and a source of income for the fellowship. This "Finance Committee" would get together only when there were specific issues to address—there would be no regular meetings or ongoing obligations.

Thank you for considering these items.
Ed Calhan, Treasurer

Upcoming Social Justice Committee Meeting

The social justice committees of the CUUF and the United Presbyterian Congregational Church will hold their joint monthly meeting on Sunday, April 7, at noon at United Presbyterian Congregational Church, 214 Vaughn Avenue in Ashland. Please join us as we continue our search for meaningful action regarding refugees at the border. Our meetings usually last a little more than an hour. Please use the church entrance on Vaughn that is somewhat across from the library entrance.

Also—if you've knitted or crocheted 8" squares to be made into welcoming blankets for refugees in the Detroit area, please bring them to the CUUF service on April 7. There will be a box for collecting them. Or contact Diane Koosed at koolake@comcast.net. This is a project for Freedom House of Detroit and is not part of our joint meetings with UPCC. Thank you to those who have made squares! These welcome gifts are quite powerful, giving the message: "We want you. You are welcome here. We want you to feel safe in your new home."

Worship Aesthetics Group—Please Consider Joining!

Most of us have attended plays, concerts, dances, or other events in the Alvord Theater, and now the Alvord will also be the primary gathering space for our fellowship. As you walk in the double doors for worship, the feeling should be a bit different than it is for these other events.

The Worship Committee would like to bring together a group of people from the fellowship to discuss ways in which we can transform the Alvord into a sanctuary for our services. Through use of such elements as banners, altar decorations, and lighting, we can set the tone and change the feel from season to season. Do you have an eye for interior design or artistic leanings? Do you love to sew, or perhaps have crafty or creative ideas about how we can transform the Alvord Theater into a sanctuary? If you would like to collaborate with us on how to enhance our spiritual space, please consider joining our Worship Aesthetics Group. Contact Megan Perrine at 715-781-4123 if you would like to be a part of this conversation.

Call for CUUF Musicians, Story Tellers, Dancers, and Other Talented Folks!

Mark your calendars now! The CUUF All-Music Service will be on Sunday, May 5, at 10 a.m. in the Alvord Theatre.

Minnesota singer/songwriter Peter Mayer will be our guest musician, but an important part of the All-Music Service includes participation from the membership of our CUUF community.

If you want more information about participating in the All-Music Service, or if you need a pep talk and encouragement, please contact a member of the CUUF Music Committee.

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Religious Education News

As we enter spring and near the end of the CUUF year, we will be offering more experiential learning and begin planning for the next year. April includes some fun activities that include children and youth of all ages working and learning together. We plan to make some special projects on our annual craft day on April 7; this will be led by Kelsey Rothe and other volunteer teachers. We will also be practicing music with Zach Jurewicz to prepare for the May 5 All-Music Service.

We will have our annual egg hunt on April 21 during our Easter Sunday service. Each year we fill eggs with money for donation to a community charity. Our 3rd-5th graders have decided that this year our donation will be given to the BRICK. Every year the children are so happy to be able to give to the community. A dish will be available at our April 7 service so that you may add your donation to the children's money if you'd like.

We also invite any members interested in working with children and youth to think about volunteering for RE for the 2019-2020 service year. We hope to offer a Coming of Age course for the older kids; for this we will need two dedicated people to lead the course. We have not offered this course for a number of years. Our wonderful group of young people would benefit from the class as it helps them feel that they are a part of the Unitarian Universalist community.

Parents, please watch for more information on a summer (possibly July) activity—we would like to offer an outdoor hike and exploration of Native American spiritual practices.

We are so grateful to everyone who is helping to make RE a success, and we look forward to planning for next year.

Deb Aaron and Kelsey Rothe, Co-Directors

Community Course on Death and Dying

On April 2, David will be offering his final class in his seven-week course *Death and Dying*. The class will be held at the Washburn United Methodist Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

February 19	Course Introduction
February 26	Preparing for Death—Hospice and Advanced Directives
March 5	Religious Perspectives East and West—Reincarnation and Heaven
March 12	Grief, Mourning, and Bereavement
March 19	Memorializing the Dead—Obituaries, Funerals, and Monuments
March 26	Ethical Issues—Vegetative States and Choosing Death
April 2	Book Study and Conclusion— <i>The Death of Ivan Illyich</i>

Each class is meant to stand on its own, allowing participants to join the class sessions as they are able and depending on topic interest. There is no fee for the class, and the class is meant for anyone in the larger community. Questions? Call David at 715-746-4100 or email him at dwsaetre@gmail.com.

A Hopeless Month

Maybe it's March
or April –
what's the difference?
Maybe it's May and
no one told me.

The bulbs do not hope for the ground to thaw
The deer do not hope for fresh, green leaves
The birds do not hope for the warming sun
I do not hope for the snow to melt
and the darkness to lift.

We bide our time,
gather our courage,
take it on faith that
Spring will come.
It will come
It will
It will
—by Hans Veenendaal

Through the weeks of deep snow
we walked above the ground
on fallen sky, as though we did
not come of root and leaf, as though
we had only air and weather
for our difficult home.

But now
as March warms, and the rivulets
run like birdsong on the slopes,
and the branches of light sing in the hills,
slowly we return to earth.

—by Wendell Berry, submitted by Ed Calhan

Remarks from Past Fellowship Talks

Here is an excerpt from David's March 10 talk, "Embodied Religion: Incarnation", which was the third in his series "Reconsidering Faith".

Religions typically call upon transcendence as the locus of the sacred—a reality beyond or outside of ordinary experience. Recalling our discussion of the idea of God in the February talk, we associate the Divine, the sacred and the holy, in hierarchical terms—God is above, we are below, God is transcendent, we exist in the immanent. One of the enduring problems religions face is how to connect the transcendent to the immanent.

The question of transcendence and immanence has a long history in Western philosophy, especially the philosophy of Hegel and Marx, reiterated by the French feminist philosopher Simone de Beauvoir. In that lineage, transcendence has to do with the creative, generative activities of humans—those things that elevate human beings and human consciousness. Immanence has to do with labor and the mundane, those activities necessary for mere physical existence. And, we find the higher purpose of human life in striving toward the transcendent, overcoming the mundane (the immanent).

Let me end where we began. Human beings look for inspiration as well as guidance for our lives. And, we know the ecstatic power of creativity—what we call the transcendent dimension of our lives. Historically, we have looked for the transcendent beyond, outside the immanent. That also means outside the body and outside of nature. Could it be, however, that we find the ecstatic precisely in the mundane, in the immanent? Humans have looked longingly at the transcendent as the abode of spiritual life, when in fact it is precisely in the immanent, in the world, right here in our own lives... The transcendent dimension is not hierarchical at all, but present within us, within nature—it is embodied in us! Could it be that this was what Jesus was trying to teach all along? "Look to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air," he said. So we look to our own loves and lovers, to the body, to our children, our world. The location of the Divine is right here!

Wild Geese

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting —
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

—by Mary Oliver, submitted by David Saetre

In Times Like These

Christchurch, New Zealand; Parkland one year after; floods and natural disasters; President Trump; Robert Mueller; climate change (global carbon use reached record a record high in 2018, much it from expanded use of coal); Brexit; Israel and Palestine. The list goes on. Journalist Sarah Kendzior, author of "The View from Flyover Country", offers these reminders to post on your morning mirror.

1. Trust your eyes, ears, and common sense.
2. Don't have baseless faith in institutions.
3. Don't look for saviors.
4. Look out for those more vulnerable than you.
5. Stop caring what people think of you.
6. Don't lie to make people feel better—that includes not lying to yourself!
7. Live your values.

And, we might add, list your values as well as live your values. Knowing what your values are and where they come from is the first step to consciously living your values. The Seven Principles and Six Sources is a good place to start.

—Submitted by David Saetre

Editor's Corner

I know this newsletter is already packed, but I just have to share a little story with you.

My daughter Ellyn and I volunteer one morning each week with Helping Paws Pet Rescue at Country Care Veterinary Hospital in Washburn. Usually we feed cats, clean up, give them medications, and play with them and pet them. Recently we have been asked to occasionally take cats to Northern Lights Nursing Home. These visits give the residents an interesting activity while at the same time they give the cats some much-needed stimulation and cuddles.

At our first visit at Northern Lights, a resident named Bob good-humoredly asked us to keep the cats away from him as he has a severe cat allergy. Of course we stayed away, but I felt badly that he was missing out on something. He's so nice—we'd met him before when we would visit a friend and he would always give my kids dollar coins. So at our next visit, just this past Monday, I brought along several stuffed animal cats, including one that is a puppet. I hid it behind my back and approached him, telling him that I had a cat that he could pet and that I was sure he would not be allergic to it. He was leery and about to tell me to go away when I pulled the puppet out. At first he laughed. He thought it was pretty funny that I wanted him to pet a stuffed animal. But then he started to say how touched he was that I had remembered him, and... he started to cry. After a few moments, he regained his composure, smiled, and named the puppet Charlie. Bob and Charlie sat together for an hour or so until we had to leave.

Why am I telling you this story? Because every time I think about Bob's reaction, I too start to tear up. Maybe I'm just tired (it's been a hard winter for me), but I think Bob's willingness to be open and vulnerable has reminded me of just how vulnerable we all are on the inside, although we go to great lengths to cover it up.

And I want you to know that you can help, too. I always thought that I couldn't bring our animals to a nursing home because they needed some kind of special training or certification (or a bath, yikes!), but I was wrong. If you have a pet that you think would be well-behaved in a setting such as a nursing home, just call them and ask if you can visit. I'm willing to bet that they would be thrilled to hear from you.

—Submitted by the editor

P.S. When you are doing your spring cleaning to gather items for the CUUF garage sale, if you come across any unused greeting cards, please save them! Nursing homes will take them and add them to their stash so that the residents can pick out cards to send to friends and family. If you can't make it to a nursing home to donate them, give them to me at a service and I'll drop them off at my next visit to Northern Lights!



The Midwest Leadership School and the Youth Midwest Leadership School will be held in Decorah, Iowa from July 14-20, 2019. Midwest Leadership School is a week-long intensive program in leadership and group dynamics. Led by lay and ordained staff with a deep understanding of UU congregations, MWLS develops both youth and adults into congregational leaders, provides leadership tools and skills, and deepens Unitarian Universalist identity. This is an extremely intense week of workshops, discussions, intimate small groups, worship preparation, personal theological exploration, and growth. In exchange for wholehearted commitment to a strenuous schedule, MWLS offers a life-changing and congregation-nourishing opportunity.

Midwest Leadership School for Youth (ages 14-18) is offered in tandem with the adult school. According to the MWLS website, MWLS for youth will challenge and train Unitarian Universalist youth in three areas: Leadership Skills Development, Worship, and Religious Values and Heritage.

More information can be found at <https://www.mwls.org/>.



Hospitality Schedule

Here is the hospitality schedule for the remainder of the service year. Please switch days with another family if you are not able to attend on your scheduled Sunday. Thank you.

	<u>Contact Person and Set Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>
April 7	Beth Reed & Doug Liphart 715-682-8385	Deb & Jeff Lewis 715-682-5686	Warren Kehn 715-681-0447
April 21	Kim Suske 715-373-5931	Jo & Mike Bailey 715-779-9712	Heidi & Jeff Ungrodt 715-682-0103
May 5	Youth Parents Providing Treats	Youth Parents	Youth Parents
May 19`	Sue & Roger Aiken 715-779-3579	Looking for Volunteer	Looking for Volunteer

Circle Supper Schedule for April 20

<u>Group I</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Lee Stadnyk—host*	Entrée
Karyn Watters	Salad
Jim & Betsy Matzinger	Dessert
Linda & Ed Calhan (V)	Side
Kristin & Henry Quinlan	Bread

*30815 Maple Ridge Road, Ashland (715) 765-4555

<u>Group II</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Mary Rehwald—host*	Entrée
Julia & Hans Veenendaal	Salad
Mike & Jo Bailey	Side
Bob & Deb Aaron (V)	Bread
David Saetre	Dessert

*715 Ellis Avenue, Ashland (715) 682-4662

<u>Group III</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Mark & Megan Perrin—host*	Entrée, Dessert?
Emily Schlager & Brian Clement	Bread
Jill Lorenz & Bill Corlett	Salad
Donn & Ann Christensen	Side

*701 Water Street, Ashland (715) 781-4122

<u>Circle Supper with Children</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Jennifer Peacock—host*	Entrée
Monica Lee & Matt Horning	Check with host
Christel Sketch & Zach Jurewicz	Check with host

*78300 Washington Avenue, Washburn (715) 669-3499

Attention UU Women!

UU Women will meet on Sunday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at Café Coco. This monthly get-together is a chance to get to know other women in our fellowship while enjoying good food and coffee. Please join us if you are interested.

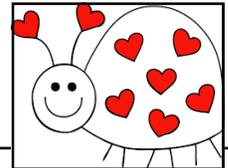
UU Women is open to anyone who identifies as a woman in a way that is significant to them. Contact Jill with any questions at 715-373-5908 or jill15908@gmail.com.

Men's Group Spring Hike!

The final gathering of the CUUF Men's Group for this service year will be on Sunday, April 28. We will be taking a hike on the rebuilt trail to Morgan Falls. Meet at the trail parking lot at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

UU Men is open to anyone who identifies as a man in a way that is significant to them. For further information, please email A.J. at ajgalazen@hotmail.com.

**Notices, Advertisements,
Help Wanted, and More!**



Remember me?
Kim says I am
cute as a bug!

The Great CUUF Garage Sale will be May 18! Keep sorting through your things—the Great CUUF Garage Sale is coming in May. Hang on to your salable items and watch for the May newsletter for information about the sale location, item drop off times, and how you can help with set up and sales. All money earned supports our RE programming. And remember, CUUFer Jan Perkins is willing to store items in her Washburn home for us if we want to declutter right now but don't know where to put things! If you have items to store, just call and leave her a message at 715-373-5585.

Another Spring Cleaning Opportunity! Do you have a shoebox of old folders, files, data discs or other paperwork from past service on the CUUF board or a committee? Now is your chance to declutter. Add your archives to the stack of boxes already in our Vaughn office and a ruthless but considerate team will organize, eliminate duplication, and decide what needs to be kept or scanned. We are especially interested in documents from the early years, when we were the Northwoods UU Fellowship (before Minocqua beat us to registering as such with the UUA).

Speaking of spring! **Kitten Season** is nearly upon us and our local pet shelters need to make some room! There are many, many cats and dogs that are in dire need of a good home. Helping Paws Pet Rescue currently has a dozen or so cats that are available for adoption. If you have been thinking about adopting a cat, now is the time. I know the kitties well and would be happy to talk to you and help you find the best fit for your home. (Okay, so I am taking advantage of my position as editor to advertise a bit. Editor's prerogative!)

The CUUF office space at Vaughn Library is in need of a **bookcase**. If you have a 2-3 shelf bookcase that is in good condition and that you would be willing to donate, please let us know!

We need your photos! If you have photos of our beautiful Chequamegon Bay area, please share them with us. Copy That, the business that prints our posters (and newsletters) would love your original photos to use as a background on our posters. And if you have pictures of any fellowship activities from the past service year, please let me know. I'd love to print them in the summer newsletter as that will be our next color edition. Thank you!

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 held on the 3rd floor of the Washburn Cultural Center located at 1 East Bayfield Street in Washburn unless otherwise noted.

**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 ~

In Our Community—Music, Dancing, Lectures, and More!

April Fool's Jazz! Join Northland College on April 1 for a performance of songs from jazz greats J.J. Johnson, Chuck Mangione, Lennie Niehaus, Chick Corea, and more. There will be café-style seating in the Alvord Theater with drinks available. Concert runs from 7-8:30 p.m. on the Northland campus.

Reconciling Love and Fear in an Age of Climate Disruption—Join author and former Northland professor Paul Bogard as he talks about his newest book project *Letters from a Disappearing World*. Inspired by the news that he would become a father for the first time, this new book asks the question that so many of us are asking: how do we reconcile our love for the natural world with our fear, anxiety, sadness, and other emotions about how climate change is impacting—and predicted to impact—this world? The talk will be held on Tuesday, April 2, from 7-9 p.m. at the Sigurd Olson building of the Northland Campus.

First Friday Dances are a long-standing tradition at Northland, offered by the Northland College Student Association for the Ashland Community. Join them on April 5 from 7-10 p.m. and square dance the night away with a live band and caller. Dances are held in the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at 1411 Ellis Avenue. Dances for beginners and kids begin at 7 p.m.; adult dances start at 8 p.m.

Join the Northland College Choral Department on April 8 from 7-8 p.m. in the Alvord Theater of the Northland campus for their spring concert *A Jubilant Song!* This concert will include Rene Clausen's well-known work. You will also hear songs from the Accidentals women's group, the LumberJacks men's group, The Northland College Choir, and the Northland Chamber Trio. The evening will consist of inspiring and uplifting pieces by composers Marvin Curtis, Besig and Price, Louis M. DeShantz, and more.

The Chequamegon Area Choir will present their 2019 Spring Concert *Sounds for a Better World* on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ashland and again on Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Washburn. For more information visit cac-voices.weebly.com.

PFLAG Washburn will celebrate its 10-year anniversary with a concert featuring singer-songwriter Sara Thomsen on Saturday, April 27, from 3-5 p.m. at the Washburn Meditation Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit sarat.brownpapertickets.com. There will be light refreshments following the concert.

Our very own CUUF member Kevin Stranberg will be the keynote speaker at WITC's 2019 Annual Ashland and Bayfield County Caregiver and Dementia Conference *Feel Better Care Better*. The conference will be held on the WITC campus on Thursday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This conference looks phenomenal and will include sessions such as "A Caregiver's Journey through Grief and Loss", "Tai Chi", "Estate Planning and Paying for Long-Term Care", "Eat Well, Care Well", "Chemical Dependency" and more. More information can be found at www.witc.edu (class number 25619/catalog number 47-520-405) or by calling WITC at 715-682-4591 ext. 3050.

And remember to mark your calendars for some great music in early May! The CUUF Music Committee worked hard to bring Peter Mayer to our area. He'll be performing a freewill concert on Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute and again at the CUUF May 5 Annual All-Music Service.

For a taste of Peter's music, check out these links:

Holy Now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiypaURysz4>

Blue Boat Home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtZUM0JhLvc>

All the World is One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-ESaQz2IxI>

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