

October Newsletter

For questions or details regarding any activities listed below, please send an email to church@lcuuc.org or call our church office at 262-369-1703

Get Involved/Things to Do

Join Us For Socrates' Café!

Join us for a casual, lively philosophical inquiry! Bring a question (if you'd like), such as "What is courage?" or "What is enough?" Using the Socratic method, in which the meanings of the words and the underlying assumptions in the question are examined, we will perhaps not answer the question, but it will be explored from many angles. You might come to listen, or you might want to participate in the discussion. Either way, we hope to see you there!

When: The 3rd Saturday of the Month, beginning October 21st
Where: The Milwaukee Street Traders, (one block west of Hwy C,
on Milwaukee Street, in Delafield)
Time: 7 - 9 pm

If you have any questions, call Phil S at the church office.

October Third Sunday Outing

On Oct. 15th we'll again visit Ledge Park in Dodge County to scramble, climb and crawl among the rocks and cliffs. The kids will really enjoy this park, *even those older teenagers*. There are level hiking trails, a contemplation tree, a new traditional (man-made) playground, and a large field, too. Either carpool from the church at 11:45 am or meet us there about 12:30. Bring a lunch and clothes that can get dirty. For more info see the flyer in the social hall or talk to Liz K at the church office.

The November *Movie that Matters*

Come and see the documentary, "The Future of Food," by Deborah Koons Garcia on November 4th, at 7:00 pm. This film is an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled grocery store shelves for the past decade. Are you aware that an estimated 60% of all processed food is genetically modified? Why should this matter? See this film! (Deborah Garcia, who made this documentary, is better known as the widow of Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead.) Donations will be collected to support Michael Fields

Agricultural Institute, a public non-profit organization founded in 1984, that provides organic farmer & gardener education as well as research, policy, and market development promoting sustainable agriculture. Popcorn and lemonade will be served and a discussion will follow. This is an open event, so bring your family and friends to view this *Movie that Matters!*

UU Mindfulness Meditation Group

The meditation group meets the second Monday of each month, so November 13th is the next scheduled session. Paul Norton from the Mindfulness Community of Milwaukee will be the facilitator. He is available at 6:30 pm to give brief instruction in meditation to newcomers; the regular meditation and discussion session will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Joanne N. at the church office with any questions. After the first of the year, we hope to schedule Paul's class on "Mindfulness in Everyday Life." Look for more information on that later!

Soul Work: Anti-Racism and Anti-Classism.

By resolution adopted by the 2006 UUA General Assembly, each UU congregation is encouraged to engage in at least one anti-racism/anti-classism program in the next year. This is a critical issue that continues to divide us, creating misunderstanding and hostility internationally, nationally, and perhaps most significantly and dramatically for us, right here locally in the Milwaukee area. We need to recognize, understand, and learn to overcome racism and classism, as individuals, as a church community, and within the larger community.

Toward this important end, you are invited to participate in a discussion group, centered on the book *Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue*, edited by Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley and Nancy Palmer Jones. Lori H, a member of our congregation and seminary student, has offered to facilitate this group. The group will meet two Sundays per month, at 2:00 p.m., beginning on October 15, continuing for approximately 9 sessions depending upon the wishes of the group. Lori anticipates that in addition to reading the book, the discussion group may take a break and watch a film which might be a commercial movie such as "Crash," or "The Wilderness Journey," a documentary about the black empowerment controversy within the UUA.

The discussion book *Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue* is published by Skinner House Books, and available through Amazon Books via our LCUUC website, or the UUA bookstore. For the first session, people should read the Introduction and the sections titled 'The Other Side of Route Two' and 'Not Somewhere Else, But Here.' Interested persons are encouraged to sign up on the sheet posted under "Adult Religious Education" on the bulletin board in the social hall. If the meeting dates or times present a problem, please sign up and note that concern, as alternative dates and times could be considered.

Update on Book Groups

All are welcome to participate in our book groups for the year. We'll read a couple of stimulating books addressing the contemporary issues of world religions, fundamentalism and politics. On October 20th and November 17th (3rd Fridays) we will discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* and, after the New Year, we will discuss *The Battle for God* (by Karen Armstrong). If you would like to be a part of these book groups, please contact Sonia W about the *Lolita* group and Joanne N about the *God* group.

LCUUC Events to Stop Discrimination in Wisconsin

October 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

October 7, anytime from 12:30-4:00 pm

Our congregation has voted to strongly oppose the constitutional ban on civil unions and marriage rights. From 7-9 pm on October 5, attend a LCUUC "House Party" to learn more about how the ban will hurt people, what Fair Wisconsin is doing to oppose the ban, and how you can help! Speakers from Fair Wisconsin will tell why the ban hurts them, and talk about the best methods for convincing other voters to oppose the ban.

Then, on Saturday, October 7, join us in the afternoon for canvassing! If you missed the October 5 training, don't worry—we will ensure that you are comfortable talking about the ban before you start canvassing. **The most effective way to make sure that the ban fails is by talking with voters at their doorsteps.**

We will be canvassing from 12:30 - 4:30 pm; but if you need to arrive later or depart earlier, you are still welcome to join us in this important effort!

Carpool with us from LCUUC at noon, or meet us at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Waukesha (2016 Center Rd.) at 12:30 pm. After briefly talking about how to canvass, we will go out in pairs to talk to Waukesha voters in areas identified by Fair Wisconsin as most promising for boosting the "No" votes in Waukesha County.

If you would like to help at the "House Party" on October 5, obtain more information about these events, or request childcare for the House Party, contact John S at the church office.

Movies that Matter

Our *Movies that Matter* series begins this month with a showing of *An Inconvenient Truth* on October 7. Topical movies, documentaries and films of interest will be shown on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Admission will be free, although donations will be accepted for organizations that sponsor the theme of the movie. Popcorn, lemonade and water will be served. No childcare will be provided. A discussion will generally follow the showings, and an outing to a local watering hole may potentially follow...

Next month's film will be *The Future of Food* on November 4. Suggestions for other films may be submitted to Liz K at the church office.

An Inconvenient Truth

In conjunction with Interfaith Power and Light, LCUUC is pleased to present a free showing of the award-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* on October 7th at 7:00 pm. This extremely important movie won rare recognition with the Humanitas Prize award. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided and a discussion will follow. This is an open event; we want to encourage anyone who has not seen this movie to attend so please invite your friends, co-

workers and neighbors. Donations will be collected to support climate research and education. "Humanity is sitting on a ticking time bomb. If the vast majority of the world's scientists are right, we have just ten years to avert a major catastrophe that could send our entire planet into a tail-spin of epic destruction involving extreme weather, floods, droughts, epidemics and killer heat waves beyond anything we have ever experienced." So begins the press release for *An Inconvenient Truth*, a new film featuring Vice President Al Gore, which is garnering rave reviews. The time has clearly come for an intelligent, informed discussion that does not infantilize the American people, but treats them as adults who are ready to hear the truth, however inconvenient.

CROP WALK

Join with other churches in the Hartland area to participate in the Lake Country_CROP WALK on October 1st. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors, establish ourselves as part of the Hartland-area religious community, and raise some money for a good cause.

CROP WALKS are ecumenical, interfaith community events, organized by Church World Service. CWS is a cooperative ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. There are 72 CROP WALKS scheduled in Wisconsin, and 2,000 worldwide. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in a community CROP WALK go to local food pantries (Hartland and North Lake, in our case), with the rest going to Church World Service. We have the option of designating our non-local funds to go to the UU Service Committee.

Here is how it works: Participants get a CROPWALKER ENVELOPE from one of the LCUUC organizers. Participants find sponsors and collect a donation from their sponsors before the WALK. The organizers suggest a goal at least of \$100 per participant, e.g. five \$20 donations, sponsors, etc.

The WALK will be Sunday afternoon, October 1st. You can register between 12:15-1:00 pm at First Congregational Church, 111 Church Street, Hartland. There will be Pre-WALK ceremonies during the registration time. The WALK begins at 1:00 pm, and the length is approximately 5K (3.1 miles) along a prescribed route in Hartland. Adults and children are welcome to participate (walkers only, no bicycles). Questions? See or call Gerry F at the church office

Other Announcements:

Bring used ink cartridges and toners to LCUUC!

We recycle ink cartridges (small - that go into ink jet printers) and toners (large - that go into copiers and laser printers) and earn money for Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church. The collection box is in the Fellowship Hall on the Social Action table near the kitchen. For example, HP 56 ink jet cartridges for an HP Photosmart printer are worth \$4.00 each. The HP

94, 95, 96, or 97 each bring in \$4.00 also. Bring in those used ink cartridges! For questions contact Ginger G at the church office.

2006 FRUIT AND NUT SALE

The annual SEWUUC fruit and nut sale, sponsored by Southeastern Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist Congregations, will be held in October. Orders will be taken at our church from October 8 to October 29. Delivery of your orders will be on Sunday, November 12. The proceeds of the sale of the delicious nuts, dried fruits, and candies are used to spread the “good news” of our liberal faith through sponsorship on Wisconsin public radio stations. Mary P or a helper will take orders during coffee hour after the Sunday services.

LCUUC Scrip Program to Change in October

When you purchase scrip—gift cards or certificates that can be used just like cash at the retailer—LCUUC receives a portion of the purchase amount. In October, we plan to start purchasing all scrip through Great Lakes Scrip Center. This will allow us to streamline our processes for obtaining scrip, and to offer scrip from numerous additional retailers.

Scrip will normally be available before and after Sunday services. At other times, if you wish to order scrip or you have questions about using it, contact John S at the church office.

Can you help? We would like to staff the “scrip table” at the back of the entryway before and after service: 9:40-9:55 & 11:15-12:00; we expect many people to make their purchases as they leave the social hall. If you can help staff the table on some Sundays, please contact John S or sign-up at the scrip table.

LCUUC Open House
Sunday, October 22nd
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

We’ve moved to morning services, spruced up the building, celebrated with a Building Dedication Ceremony, and now it’s time to meet our neighbors. We are mailing postcards to over 7,000 Hartland residents, running ads in the local newspapers and asking you to invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers to our Open House. Extra postcards will be available for you to use.

Student minister Kathleen Green will conduct the 10 am service. It will be followed by our coffee hour with refreshments. Board members and others will be available to provide information about our church and give tours of the building until 1:00. We hope you will join us in welcoming our neighbors!

New UU Orientation

We will be having an orientation session early in November for our new members and many visitors. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our denomination, our church and to get acquainted with others. We are still working on the details, so watch for further information in the next few weeks.

Fundraising

Don't forget to pick up some "Support Peace" car magnets, which are available in the social hall - \$3 each, or 4 for \$10. They make great gifts.

There's still time to:
Put your Faith into Action!

Are you interested in putting your UU faith into action? Would you like to see us have a bigger impact locally and nationally? Are you interested in putting some time and energy into making the world a better place? Are you wondering how to get involved in social change without doing so from a partisan position? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Come join us Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 to 3:30 for a workshop on empowering us to work for social justice in a coordinated, constructive fashion. Tom Esch, a facilitator from the UUA and a former Catholic priest will, lead the workshop as well as the Sunday service, preaching on "Making a Deeper Difference." There will be a sign-up for the workshop in the social hall. Please try to set this day aside to help chart the future direction of social justice work for LCUUC. Questions, contact Kerry D or Lynne S at the church office .

Social Action

Outreach Meals: LCUUC has committed to providing 6-10 volunteers to help serve the Outreach Meal on Friday, November 24th from 5-7 pm. In addition, LCUUC is asked to bring 4 gallons of milk and dessert to serve 40. Please contact Helen B at the church office if you are able to volunteer. Many thanks to those who spent a few of their summer vacation hours assisting at the August 25th outreach meal. LCUUC members who volunteered were Liz K, Robin R, Esther and Gerry F, and John and Carol K.

Outreach Meals are held at St. Matthias Episcopal Church at 111 E. Main Street in Waukesha. This program is partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, special offerings from area congregations, and donations from individuals. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 pm, the hungry of Waukesha County gather to enjoy fellowship and nutritious meals.

Food Pantry Collection: The October collection will be for the Hartland food pantry, located in the lower level at 229 Lawn Street. Hours for donations and clients are Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm, and Saturdays, 10-11 am. A donation barrel is also located inside the Piggly Wiggly in Hartland. If someone is able to deliver the donation to the Hartland pantry, please contact Helen B at the church office.

Thank you to LCUUC members and visitors for donating three bags of groceries and \$134 in September. Helen B delivered the items to the Kettle Moraine food pantry in Wales.

Repairers of the Breach Update: Please keep saving your clothing and household goods for our trip to the Repairers of the Breach in Milwaukee. Due to the busy schedule for our Social Action Committee (hosting the upcoming Social Justice Empowerment Workshop on October 14th), we will postpone planning a date for our visit to the Repairers. Please hold on to your items until we announce the date of our visit. Questions, see Janica Y.

Religious Education News

The RE year is off to a great start with 62 children registered. The first classes began on September 17th with lots of energy, enthusiasm, and greetings to new friends and old. Many thanks to our 15 teachers!

K4-2nd Grade: Joe M, Kim S, and Jim T.

3rd-5th Grade: Helen B, Sue L, and Laurie S.

Middle School: Kerry D, Mike G, Al H, Liz K, and John S.

High School: Joanne N, Robin R, Phil S, and Carlyn W.

Children's RE handout available: Robin R has again created a colorful one-page handout that describes our children's RE curricula for this church year. Please feel free to take several and share with families you know who may be interested. Copies are available on the Welcome Table.

For questions and concerns about children's RE, contact LCUUC Director of Religious Education (DRE) Christi E at the church office.

FROM THE MINISTER'S MAILBOX

Dear LCUUC Community,

Let me begin this first newsletter column by telling you how wonderful the ride home from Hartland to Evanston was after my first weekend with you. My husband, Mitchell, and I spent a good part of the two-hour drive sharing with each other how welcoming you were to the both of us and how exciting it was to see a congregation with so much dedication, energy, and determination! I feel truly blessed to be your minister for the next eight months, and as wonderful as I think you are, there is work for us to do together. Being together just once a month will certainly have its challenges. Above all else, it means that our communication with one another needs to be clear and forthcoming at all times. My email address is included in this newsletter and you should feel free to use it. As I said in my first sermon at LCUUC: "While I will not be the perfect minister you can count on me to do my best. And while I do not expect perfection of you, I come trusting your best."

Here is a little something I would like for you to think about as you prepare for your first Open House Sunday. I will be there with you on October 22, and have been thinking about the sermon and service on that special day. In my reading, I came across a story in a sermon written by a colleague:

“Almost thirty years ago a small church I was serving in Texas decided to have a Bring a Friend Sunday. We planned a great service with special music. There were greeters galore. The coffee hour had real cream – and tasty refreshments, and lots of information about the congregation. I’m sure the sermon must have been wonderful. The problem was we were so focused on making the event hospitable, no one invited a friend to come to church with them!”

Now I realize that our event will be an Open House, not a Bring a Friend Sunday. Moreover, I realize that there will be publicity for this event but I share this story with you simply as a reminder that it is sometimes easy to focus on the many details that surround the work and lose focus on the actual work itself. A part of my job this year will be to keep us all focused on the task at hand—the work of your long-term strategic plan and shorter-term goals as well— as the LCUUC community grows in numbers and spirit. This is an exciting time for each one of us.

Blessings to you,

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