

August 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

Lake Country Harvest Art Fair

Our First Annual Lake Country Harvest Art Fair is shaping up! It is hard to believe that the big day is soon approaching. Please mark your calendars to keep the day open: Saturday, September 8. We will need everybody's help to make this day a success. Our list of needed help is long and includes our middle and high schoolers as well. We will have sign-up sheets at the August 12 church service.

We have decided that our concession booth will include the sale of homemade fruit pies and cookies. We hope everyone will donate a pie or cookies to this fundraising cause. Please keep this in mind in the coming weeks.

We will also hold a silent auction of donated art. We are hoping that any of our artists who wish to donate will remember this cause for LCUUC! More information will follow on this fun event.

We had hoped to sell arrangements of fresh cut flowers the day of the fair. We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate this effort. Please contact the church office if you are willing to volunteer for this.

We will offer parking for \$1.00 on our lot, to visitors. Signs will be made. This will involve having both entrances covered, directing people to a parking space, and collecting the money. We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the parking for the day.

The committees responsible for various aspects of the day are:

- o Entertainment
- o Hospitality for Artists
- o Silent Auction
- o Layout of the Day
- o Publicity
- o Art Fair Directory
- o Art Fair Postcard
- o Posters
- o Banner
- o Signs
- o Website Creation and Press Releases
- o Children's Activities
- o Concessions
- o Volunteer Coordination

Again, please mark your calendars, as this will be a great time and, we hope, the first of many years of a profitable fundraiser for the church. We're really counting on everybody to be a part of this great event!

Meditation Mondays

In August we will meet on the fourth Monday of the month for our Meditation Monday Gathering. Our meeting will be led by Paul Norton of the Order of Interbeing. We will meet from 7 to 9 pm on August 27th at the church. Paul will offer instruction in meditation from 6:30 to 7:00 pm for beginners or those wishing to have a refresher. In September we will return to our usual second Monday of the month time slot.

Over the next year we will loosely be using the book *A Path With Heart*, by Jack Kornfield, as a guide. In August we will study chapters 8 and 9, but it is fine to come without having read the material. Meditation Mondays are free and open to all members, friends, and community members. Please call Joanne N. at the church office with any questions.

Outreach Meal

Several additional volunteers are needed to help serve the hot, nutritious Outreach Meal to those in need on Friday, August 24, from 5 to 7 pm at St. Matthias Church in Waukesha. Volunteers do some minor meal preparation, help serve the meal, and clean the tables and chairs afterwards. As a church, we are also asked to donate 4 gallons of milk along with dessert for approximately 50 people. Church youth may assist if they are mature and over the age of 12, with an adult attending. Please contact Helen B. at the church office with questions or to volunteer. Helen will follow up with volunteers with more details. Note also that the Outreach Meal program may be moved to a new location nearby (if construction has been completed in time). Helen will advise of that as well.

Summer Book Groups

The remaining dates for this summer's three book groups are listed below. All groups meet at church at 10 am (except for the August 12 session; see below).

The three options are: (1) *The World's Religions*, by Huston Smith; (2) *The Bible* (optional supplement, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*, by John A. Beuhrens); (3) *The Sparrow*, by Mary Doria Russell.

Walk-ins are always welcome at any book group!

The World's Religions

August 12: Islam (at 11:30 am, after the church service)

August 26: Judaism and Christianity.

The Bible

August 19: Topic TBD by group

The Sparrow, by Mary Doria Russell

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Charity Music Festival

A charity music festival, Petestock, will be held at Nixon Park in Hartland on August 18th and 19th. The event will feature eight bands and will last from 4 to 9 pm. All of the profits will be donated to Invisible Children, a charity helping child soldiers in northern Uganda. The event is being put together by two recent graduates from LCUUC. For more information on the festival, please visit www.petestock.com.

Children's RE for August

AUGUST 12th: During Summer worship services, several of our members have volunteered to share a special passion with our kids. At RE time, children will divide into groups based on interest, rather than age. The activities are aimed at elementary and early middle-school kids.

Write and speak Chinese numbers from 1 to 99: Dian E. will present fun activities for learning to count in Mandarin Chinese. It's easier than you think. Learn to draw the beautiful characters for each number, too!

Photography: Using a traditional, large format view camera, Janica Y. (a photographer for over 20 years) will demonstrate how to take 4x5" BW polaroids. This type of camera is excellent for portraits and landscape views, and in spite of its size, is an easy way to learn the basics of shooting pictures. Each of you will have a chance to set up your own shots. Photographing yourself and your friends is a great way to see yourself and your world in a new way!

Special guest/story time: Lynn Tuttle Gunney will read her new picture book from Skinner House Books, *Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher*, and lead children in stringing beads for a bracelet to remind them of Jesus' lessons of Forgiveness, Love and Kindness to Everyone (FLAKE). Lynn is visiting us from Walnut Creek, Calif., where she teaches religious education and the Our Whole Lives program at Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church. (She will bring copies of the book for purchase).

New Minister & DRE at LCUUC

It is with great joy and anticipation that LCUUC announces the hiring of a half-time minister and half-time DRE for the fall of 2007.

Linda Berez will become our half-time minister. Linda is currently finishing a 1-year clinical pastoral residency in Oshkosh and will be ordained as a UU minister in October 2007. She brings to us a wide range of experiences and interests. Professionally, she served as intern minister with the Arlington Street Church and the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She was involved in creating an online learning center for religious education and developing an on-line religious community for young adults ages 18-35. Personally, she enjoys boating, swimming, meditation, watching sports of all kinds, and she is learning to play trombone. She resides in Franklin, Wisconsin.

In her application materials, Linda describes her approach to ministry:

" . . . I am passionate about the message of Unitarian Universalism. I believe that ours is a message of hope and peace . . . My ministry is about helping people live out our principles and it's about finding ways toward a compassionate way of being with each other in this world."

Mary Movsessian (Mo-seshian) will become our half-time Director of Religious Education. Mary is currently on the nursery staff of the Waukesha Family YMCA and raising her two small children. Mary's degree in Education Studies and Youth Leadership, combined with her background in management, will help LCUUC build upon its strong tradition of quality

religious education for our children and youth. Mary will establish regular office hours at church and be "on duty" during all Sunday services when regular RE is in session.

Mary is eager to learn about every facet of the RE program and to build strong communication and relationships with parents and the LCUUC community at large.

We welcome Linda and Mary to LCUUC and look forward to all we have to share with them professionally and personally as we grow together.

Water Communion

It is a tradition at LCUUC to mark the beginning of a new church year with a Water Communion Service. On September 9th, Linda Berez, our new half-time minister, will conduct her first service with us. During this service we will celebrate our coming together as a community by sharing water from a special place we've been this summer. You are encouraged to bring a small amount of water from a memorable place, be it from your back yard, across the country or the other side of the world.

Hartland Independence Day Parade, July 1

One of the goals of the Green Sanctuary Committee was to participate in the Hartland Independence Day parade, to publicize the theme of Energy Independence through energy conservation, and to identify LCUUC with our community.

We had 20 marchers (14 adults, 6 kids). Our marching unit consisted of:
2 people carrying our Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church banner
7 people carrying 2'x3' foam posters depicting our 7 UU Principles
1 person wearing a Statue of Liberty costume; he carried a plastic model Compact Fluorescent Lamp, for our Energy Independence theme.
1 person pushing a carriage for literature storage; he wore a double-sided ENERGY INDEPENDENCE sign with Statue of Liberty holding a CFL.
The rest of the marchers either just walked along or distributed WE Energies "101 Money-Saving Tips" brochures, LCUUC brochures, and Peace Magnets.
The weather was perfect, the crowd was huge, and we were well received.
Special thanks to Robin R. for the artwork for the signs, and to numerous LCUUC members for loaning LCUUC tee-shirts for the marchers who didn't have their own.

August Calendar of Events

Sunday, 12th	Church Service	10 am	LCUUC
Variety of dates	Summer Book Groups	10 am	LCUUC
Monday, 27th	Meditation Monday	7—9 pm	LCUUC
All Tuesdays	SOS	7—8:30 pm	LCUUC (high school room)