



News for Lake Country UUs

Lake Country Unitarian Universalists
rejoice in life, find the sacred, seek justice,
with open minds and hearts.

JUNE 2008

Rev. Linda Berez, Minister
Kerry Duma, Director of Religious Education
Karen Haskell, Choir Director

**Summer Schedule for Sunday Services
and Religious Education for Children/Youth—10:00 a.m.**

W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, 53029
At the intersection of Hwy E and Hwy K

Services will be held on:

June 1 and June 8

July 13

August 10

June 1: "Religious Education Sunday," led by LCUUC Youth

This is the service we set aside each year to celebrate our children and youth—their spirit, their energy, their creativity, their music, their thoughts and ideas, and the way they care for each other. It is also the day we recognize and appreciate all the volunteers who work with them in our children's Religious Education programs. Each RE class will tell us about what they have learned together this year. The presentations are always inventive and enjoyable. Don't miss it!

June 8: "Flower Communion Sunday," by Rev. Linda Berez

On the final Sunday of the church calendar year we will celebrate our annual Flower Communion. Everyone is invited to bring a fresh flower that will become a part of the ritual of sharing our own flowers with each other. As each flower is unique so are we all. Our flower communion service reminds us that the many varied facets of our lives, our gifts, and our talents come together like the petals, the colors, and the fragrances of the flowers to create a beautiful bouquet. All are welcome to this intergenerational service. Please join us.

The food/needs collection for June will be during the service on June 1. This collection has been designated for the Hunger Task Force, 201 S. Hawley Court, Milwaukee, WI 53214 (414-777-0483) The monetary contributions from the collection, along with the money that our children raised from the local food fair held at LCUUC, will be sent to Hunger Task Force. The physical items donated during the collection at the service will be taken to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Hunger Task Force supports the work of local homeless shelters, meal programs, and food

pantries that share a vision for ending hunger. These direct-service charities make up a network that helps assure reasonable access to healthy and nutritious food for Milwaukee's needy and makes it possible for a needy family to get help—on the day that they need it—in a neighborhood near their home.

Hunger Task Force is unique in its role as a food bank in never charging fees to charities for receiving, storing, or delivering food. It strives to assure access to emergency food supplies while limiting ongoing reliance upon charity for food.



A Note From Our Minister

Greetings,

Wow! Can you believe that it's June already? The signs of summer are everywhere. There's talk of the lineup of entertainment for this year's Summerfest and the Wisconsin State Fair. Many people are making plans for their summer vacations.

Personally I'm planning a few trips including attending the Unitarian Universalist Associations annual General Assembly (GA) and the annual meeting of ministers in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on June 23-30. Lori H. and I will be representing Lake Country as delegates. Being at GA always reminds me that this church and I are part of a larger movement. It reminds me that we are not isolated and that there are thousands of others who affirm the same values and principles that we affirm. It reassures me that we are not alone in our efforts to making this world a more just, compassionate, and loving place to live.

This year many important issues will come to the floor, and the delegates representing about half of the 1000 congregations across this nation will take part in determining the future of our Association. I am sure the issue around youth and young adults will generate a great deal of discussion. The UUA Board and President Bill Sinkford have been exploring the ways in which the Association can best support youth and young adult efforts, and while their words have been encouraging, many are concerned about the outcome of these talks. Out of that concern a youth in our district, the Central Midwest District, drafted a resolution, presented it to the UUA Board and at our own District Assembly, and obtained overwhelming support to place it on the agenda at GA. I suspect, based on the tremendous support youth and young adults have had from delegates in the past, that this resolution will pass with a resounding chorus of "Ayes" from the floor. And while this is all going on at the Association level, I want to assure everyone the district support has not changed, and the efforts in our own church to sustain our youth programming continues to be strengthened by the outstanding work of Kerry Duma, our Director of Religious Education, and by each of you and your commitment to the overall life of this great community. If you are interested in finding out more about our movement and about GA, be sure to check out the website at <http://www.uua.org/ga>. Or if you'd like to see a copy of the resolution go to <http://www.cmwd-uua.org> and search for resolution. The first result will take you to the background and information.

On another note, as we make our way into the summer I want to remind everyone that my hours at the church are reduced during the months of June, July, and August, just as we reduce the number of services we have on Sundays. I will be with you at our Flower Communion service coming up on June 8th; this will be the last service we have until July 13th, when Mike S. will be leading worship. I will then be back with Lori H. to lead service on August 10th. And, while I may be doing some traveling and taking some time off, I will never be far from my computer or phone, so please feel free to get in touch with me for any reason—truly.

I'm excited by what the future has to offer, equally I am grateful for this past year. My hope for each of you is that whatever the summer brings, you have the opportunity to share your time with family and friends, that you are safe, and that you are well. Take care, friends.

Linda

Office Hours—Rev. Linda Berez is available by appointment. You may call the church office at 262-369-1703 x500 and leave a message or email her directly at minister@lcuuc.org.

☯ June Calendar of Events* ☯

(all events at LCUUC unless otherwise noted)

Every Tuesday	SOS	7- 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, 1	Choir rehearsal	8:30 a.m.
	Food/needs collection	During the service
	Annual Meeting	After the service
Monday, 2	Publicity Committee	7-9 p.m.
Sunday, 8	Choir rehearsal	8:30 a.m.
	Choir sings for service	
	Book discussion, <i>A New Earth</i> *	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 10	Meditation Instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Meditation (see also pg. 5)	7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, 11	Social Action Committee	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 12	Church Board	7 p.m.
Saturday, 21	Socrates Café**	7 p.m.
Tuesday, 24	Meditation (see also pg. 5)	7-9 p.m.

* Days and times for continuing discussions over the summer will be decided at the June 8 meeting.

** An email will be sent with additional information (location, time, etc.).

On Board!

As the breezes warm and new growth colors the land, the Board continues to be as busy as bees at LCUUC. Here are the highlights from the May Board meeting.

The Board has signed a contract with Rev. Linda Berez for next year! We look forward to working with her to strengthen the programming and vision of our growing church.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1 in the sanctuary following the service. At this meeting, we will elect a new President, Board members, and members of the Nominating Committee. We will also hear annual reports from various committees and discuss the 2008-09 budget. Plan to attend and be a part of the democratic process at LCUUC.

The Board finalized the budget for next year. A BIG thanks goes to the Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, the Board, and the congregation for their time and effort to pull this budget together. The congregation can be proud of the nearly 20% increase in pledges for the year. We *do* own this church!

Lori H. will be LCUUC's delegate at the General Assembly this summer in Fort Lauderdale, FL. LCUUC will use money from the Leadership Development budget to support her attendance. The Board is seeking matching funds from SEWUUC.

Look for some changes in the landscape around LCUUC. The Board approved the Landscaping Committee's proposal. Some of the plan's highlights are an outdoor service area, planting of trees, more tall grass areas to reduce mowing, and plans for a Remembrance Garden.

We are looking for people to plan, organize, and participate in this year's Fourth of July Parade in Hartland on Sunday, June 29. Parade step-off is at 1:30 p.m. Watch for details in future correspondences on how to get involved.

The E-mail Task Force will be unveiling the new e-mail discussion list (Open Mic) in the near future. Watch for more information about the new list...probably via e-mail.

The Board has amended the LCUUC Alcohol Policy. It now reads as follows:

Policy 10: Alcohol

Sale of alcohol on church property or at church functions is prohibited. The use of alcohol is prohibited at church meetings, work sessions, and functions organized by or directed primarily toward children and youth. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited by those chaperoning a youth event or trip. The responsible use of alcohol on church premises is permitted at social functions.

As I wrap up my presidency, I would like to thank the Board, committees, and congregation for their support this year. I look forward to working with the new President and Board members in the year to come.

Religious Education

Children/Youth RE

Thank you to all who made 2007-08 a great year for Religious Education at LCUUC! Thanks to all the teachers and the members of the RE Committee, and everyone who supported the activities of our children and youth. Thank you to the parents who brought their wonderful children, and thanks to the kids who make it so meaningful to be a part of this community.

There will be Joint RE activities at both the summer services for children 5th grade and under. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers can help lead the Joint RE activities or stay in the service. Nursery care will also be available.

I will be on vacation a few weeks this summer. If you would like to talk about anything, please call to arrange a time to meet.

Have a great summer!

Kerry

Adult RE

Summer plans for Adult RE activities include the continuation of several activities and the possible inception of others. Groups that will continue over the summer include:

- **Socrates Café.** June's gathering will be on Saturday, June 21. June 21st is also the Summer Solstice, and we are considering doing something to celebrate the longest day of the year as we meet to discuss a philosophical topic of interest.
- **A New Earth** book discussion. In June, the group will meet after the service on June 8th. At that meeting, plans for future get-togethers will be decided.

- **Terrific Tuesday meditation.**

Meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the group will begin discussing a book in June. See below for more details.

We are happy to facilitate the addition of another book club over the summer. If you have an idea you would like to share or have a class you would like to lead, contact Wendy R. at the church office.

Note on childcare: We are able to provide childcare for book club discussions if requested in advance. If you anticipate a need for childcare, please contact Joanne at the church office.

Terrific Tuesdays

Meditation will continue in June on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. On each second Tuesday of the month (starting June 10th) meditation will be led by Paul Norton of the Order of Interbeing. We meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at church. Paul will offer instruction in meditation from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for beginners or those wishing to have a refresher. On the 4th Tuesday of the month we will be offering member-led meditation and will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. On both nights we will loosely be reading and discussing the book *The Places That Scare You*, by Pema Chodron.

These meetings are free and open to all. Please call Joanne at the church office with any questions.



WHO'S WHO AT LCUUC

If you have any questions regarding Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church, feel free to call 262-369-1703.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church is a religious community that encourages spiritual growth in compassion, wisdom and understanding. We draw inspiration from the principles of Unitarian Universalism, diverse religious sources, and the breadth of human experience. We seek to live in accordance with this inspiration, working for positive change in our community, country and the world.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit all articles by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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