



News for Lake Country UUs

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

JULY–AUGUST 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

Remaining summer services will be held on:

July 13

August 10

Weekly services resume in September

July 13: "The Goodness of the Other," by Mike Santo, church member

In my world I experience the satisfaction of my needs in my friends and family, and I enjoy the familiar surroundings of my town, state, and country. But I also experience the desire for the greener grass on the other side of the fence; I wonder what is beyond my horizon of familiarity as I dream of what could be; I stand in awe of the good which is beyond my knowledge and beyond my grasp. This sermon explores the good that comes not from my own world of enjoyment, but from the face of the other person as other than me.

August 10: "Whose Bible?", by Rev. Linda Berez and Lori Hlaban, Candidate for UU Ministry

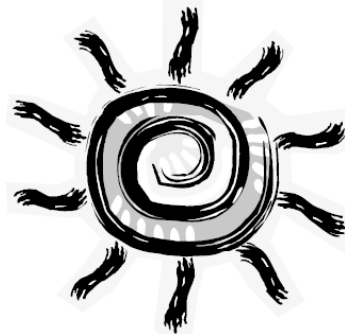
If you've ever been to a football game you've probably seen someone holding up a sign saying "John 3:16." What does John 3:16 have to say to Unitarian Universalists? Is this potential message of hope helpful? Is it hurtful? Do these words help us to live lives of meaning in this day and age? You are invited to join Lori Hlaban and Rev. Linda Berez as they consider these and other questions in their conversation on this Sunday. All are welcome. Hope you can make it.

RE on the 13th

There will be Joint RE during the service on July 13th. Our children young and old will be making chalices and learning about the beginnings of our UU chalice heritage.

Water Communion

Don't forget in your summer travels to collect a small amount of water for our September Water Communion Service.





A Note From Our Minister

Greetings,

The Fourth of July holiday is here. With it comes the rockets' red glare, the fireworks bursting in air, cookouts, parties, warm summer days, time spent with family and friends and flag waving. I remember right after the destruction of the twin towers on 9/11 many were quick to raise and wave their flags. People flew them from their car windows, added decals to their bumpers and windows, and some questioned if those who did not display a flag were "true" Americans. All of the "patriotism" made me uncomfortable. I've always supported my country, I served in the Air Force and believe in the ideals on which our country was founded, but I didn't believe that being a patriot meant I supported an "America first" attitude.

When I heard Forrest Church, then senior minister of All Souls Unitarian Church of New York City, speak about the differences between patriotism and nationalism, I understood why the raised flags bothered me. Nationalism, he said, is the "America first" attitude while patriotism rests on the ideal of "liberty and justice for all." The important nuance is that patriotism isn't about liberty and justice just for Americans, but for all people. Church asks us to consider that we have a moral obligation as citizens of the world, not just this country, to realize this dream. Waving the flag as if it were a pennant of our favorite sports team and hoping that my team will beat your team is not how I understand the significance of this important symbol of our country. What I hope for is that we as a country will find a way, when raising our flags on the soils of other countries, to do so always as a gesture of peace and good will rather than a symbol of military power and might. If this can happen, then I know I will be proud when I see red, white, and blue flags waving.

A couple of other things that come to mind as I write this combined July/August message is a reminder that as you are going about your summer plans, be sure to collect a small amount of water for our water communion service in September. There is some irony in this request I realize, because as I write this there are some of you who are still recovering from the destructive rains of June. My thoughts go out to all who were affected.

Another reminder is that during the summer my hours are greatly reduced but that doesn't mean I'm not available. Please feel free to email me or call me (minister@lcuuc.org or 262-369-1703 x500). I will be checking email regularly and the phone messages a few times a week. I'd be happy to have lunch or coffee with you, or meet in the office. Also, I will be at church on August 10th for the service that Lori Hlaban and I are planning together.

Take care, be safe, and have a great summer.

Linda

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Mail items to: LCUUC—Newsletter,
PO Box 437,
Hartland, WI 53029-0437
Or email to: newsletter@lcuuc.org

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

☞ July–August Calendar of Events* ☛

(all events at LCUUC unless otherwise noted)

Every Tuesday	SOS	7– 8:30 p.m.
July		
Tuesday, 8	Meditation Instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Meditation (see pg. 4)	7–9 p.m.
Thursday, 10	Fundraiser at Moe’s Grill (see pg. 4)	3–9 p.m.
Sunday, 13	Service	10:0 a.m.
	BYOP (see pg. 4)	After the service
Sunday, 20	Book discussion, <i>A New Earth</i>	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 22	Meditation (see pg. 4)	7–9 p.m.
Sunday, 27	Adopt-A-Highway (see pg. 4)	10:00 a.m.

August

Sunday, 3	Book discussion, <i>A New Earth</i>	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, 10	Service	10:0 a.m.
Tuesday, 12	Meditation Instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Meditation (see pg. 4)	7–9 p.m.
Sunday, 17	Book discussion, <i>A New Earth</i>	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 26	Meditation (see pg. 4)	7–9 p.m.

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.

Announcements/Get Involved/Things to Do

High-schoolers' Fundraiser

Here's your chance to help the high-schoolers on their last Colorado Trail Maintenance Trip fundraiser. Just purchase your meal at Moe's Southwestern Grill on **Thursday, July 10**, between 3 and 9 p.m. Moe's is helping to sponsor the trip by contributing 10% of their receipts from all customers on the 10th during that time period. Moe's is located at 1350 Capitol Drive in Pewaukee. Visit www.moes.com for their menu.



Mark your calendar and invite friends and family. The more that gets eaten, the more they donate!

Terrific Tuesdays

Meditation will continue in July and August on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (July 8 and 22, and August 12 and 26). On each second Tuesday of the month, 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 262-367-2031 with any questions.



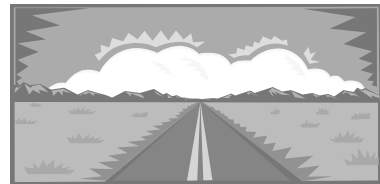
Summer Book Club

The *New Earth* Book Club will meet several more times over the summer, at church, at 10:00 a.m. Remaining meetings are: July 20th, Aug. 3rd, and Aug. 17th (all Sundays).

Adopt A Highway

Our summer Adopt A Highway cleanup will be on **Sunday, July 27**. Meet at LCUUC parking lot at 10 a.m. Our stretch of road is Highway E, from the intersection with K (northwest corner of LCUUC property) north to where E turns sharply to the west. It takes about 1-1/2 hours total, and is a nice sociable walk in addition to doing something to help our environment. Per Waukesha County rules, children participating must be at least 11 years old or in 6th grade. Wear good walking shoes and gloves; we supply the bags, orange vests, and refreshments!

Please let Gerry F. know if you plan to participate (via email or phone), so he can contact you if there are weather issues.



Youth Cons

All UU youth are invited to attend three youth conferences each year, sponsored by various churches in our district. At these cons, youth from several congregations come together at one location for a weekend. The con usually includes workshops, worship, a dance, a talent show and other events. Youth conferences are a sacred community for youth to grow and explore their identity and their faith.

For many years, Tom and Lori H. have been our primary Youth Con Advisors and have helped facilitate our youth attending cons. They are now "retiring" from this role.

If anyone is interested in learning more about becoming a youth con advisor, there is a training this fall in Kenosha. The first con this fall will be in the Chicago suburb of Palatine, November 7-9.

Please let Kerry D. know if you're interested in learning more about cons or becoming a youth con advisor.