



News for Lake Country UUs

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

JULY and AUGUST 2009

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:

July 12

August 16

Weekly services resume in September



July 12: "Responding to the Crisis of Global Warming: The Ultimate Snap Quiz on Our Beliefs, Perceptions and Ability to Shift Gears," by pulpit guest Eric Hansen*

Humans, both as individuals and societies, have confronted towering crises before. What lessons and hope can we draw from those experiences? How do humans perceive that a crisis is at hand – and an immediate change in course is wise? What moves individuals and groups to speak out and mobilize their fellow citizens? Searching for insight, we'll reflect on several stories of crisis and response.

*Author Eric Hansen, a life-long Unitarian, is an award-winning environmental essayist and outdoors writer. He is also a commentator for WUWM's Lake Effect program and a regular guest on Wisconsin Public Radio.

August 16: "Seeking Truth," by Rev. Lori Hlaban

One New Testament writer in the letter to the Ephesians encourages Christians to put on the "armor of God" to bolster their faith. Considering the language of this passage, as well as similar symbols or talismans of faith and/or protection – like Harry Potter's Cloak of Invisibility, will be the theme of this service. What "armor" would/should UUs carry?

School Supply Collection

On Sunday, July 12, LCUUC will be collecting school supplies and backpacks to donate to the Waukesha County Backpack Coalition. See page 5 for details.

Water Communion

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



A Note From Our Minister

Greetings,

My heart overflows with deep gratitude to all of you who are a part of Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church. Thank you for two wonderful years as your half-time consulting minister. It has been a wonderful journey.

This is my last newsletter column, and July 31st is my last day as your minister. By the time you read this, my partner the Rev. Marcia Marino and I will be packing and begin our move to Bloomington/Normal, IL. Marcia will serve the UU congregation there as their interim for one year. Although my plans for next year are still in process, I am writing this column from my hotel room in Salt Lake City, UT, where I am attending our annual UU General Assembly, and getting the chance to talk to many people in our movement about potential opportunities.

When I think back over our two years together, I am reminded of the first time I traveled from my home in Franklin to the church in Hartland. I remember thinking, "This isn't too bad. The roads are good and it only takes 30 minutes, door to door." Most of my trips to LCUUC were just that, 30 minutes, very little traffic and smooth roads. But there were times when it snowed or there was road construction, or traffic tie-ups. The roads were not too smooth and it would take more than a half-hour to arrive. Life is like this, and sometimes our time together was like that – just when things seem to be going well, we might hit a bump or two. I like to think of life's road bumps as opportunities to learn and grow. We have definitely learned and grown, in many ways, with each other. These are reasons I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you.

My first sermon was about how we sometimes need to take a left turn and keep on going, instead of letting obstacles stop us from reaching our dreams, from achieving our goals.

As Unitarian Universalists, the word faith can sometimes be a tricky one to negotiate. It may be a bit like negotiating Hwy 16 during the construction season. But just as you took a leap of faith three years ago to buy the building we have worshipped together in on Sunday mornings, it will take some faith to attain your vision for full-time ministry, expanded staff support, and many other things. I have faith that you will get there. Lake Country is a great community. My best to all of you. Safe travels on the road of life. I will miss you all.

Linda

Update from the Ministerial Search Task Force

With Linda leaving, a Ministerial Search Task Force has been set up. The task force is in the process of interviewing several candidates who expressed interest in serving our congregation as half-time minister. We hope to be able to recommend a candidate to the Board by the end of July. The task force consists of Kathie Gorski, John Kuhn, Joanne Nelson, Mike Santo, Lynne Smith (chair), and Sonia Wichmann.

☞ July and August Calendar of Events ☞
 (all events at LCUUC unless otherwise noted; see page 5 for more details)

Every Tuesday	SOS	7– 8:30 p.m.
July		
Thursday, 9	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 11	Adopt A Highway	9 a.m. (meet in church parking lot)
Sunday, 12	Service	10 a.m.
Tuesday, 28	Meditation Instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Meditation	7–9 p.m.
August		
Tuesday, 11	Meditation	7–9 p.m.
Thursday, 13	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 16	Service	10 a.m.
Sunday, 23	Spruce Up the Church	9 a.m.–noon
Tuesday, 25	Meditation Instruction	6:30 p.m.
	Meditation	7–9 p.m.

* **Secular Organizations for Sobriety**, also known as Save Our Selves, is dedicated to providing a path to sobriety, an alternative to those paths depending upon supernatural or religious beliefs. SOS respects diversity, welcomes healthy skepticism, and encourages rational thinking as well as the expression of feelings.

July and August

**Happy Birthday
 Wishes to:**

July	
3 Jim Hansen	12 Linda Farr
6 Traci Timm	14 Mary Lou Haas
8 Rob Frost	15 Nicole Bera
9 David Staudt	15 Ray Grosch
9 Paul Hoyt	15 Korinne Spencer
9 Ingrid Timm	17 Bruce Forciea
13 Jesse Koshak	17 Jodi Otto
15 Deb Scharff	24 Jeanne Simpson
27 John Staudt	25 Rachel Fritts
30 Al Haskell	26 Amy Johnson
	27 Thomas Varghese
	29 Olivia Potter
August	30 Karl Timm
4 Michelle Hoyt	31 Robin Reed
4 Beth Peske	31 Maya Sanden
5 Jessy Knox	
10 Kim Suhr	



(Please contact Kirsten Johnson if your name is not included in the birthday congratulations.)

On Board!

June 7th marked the date of our annual congregational meeting. Tim Putra presented the busy agenda. The congregation voted in new Board members Kathie Gorski, Greg Sanden, and Mike Santo, along with the new Board president Chris Peske.

The following is a brief recap of some of the important business that the congregation completed:

Treasurer John Staudt reviewed last fiscal year's budget, noting that we ended with a budget surplus secondary to fund-raising income. Given the downturn in the economy, we expect that we may see a continued decrease in member contributions this fiscal year.

Barbara Hoel gave a report on the process that was completed and the importance of becoming a Welcoming Congregation. A motion was made and the congregation voted to designate LCUUC as a Welcoming Congregation.

The congregation listened to a brief review of the Pathway Committee's recommendations for long-term planning, and voted to approve its recommendations.

The church's mortgage renewal was approved at a lower rate through 2012, decreasing the amortization of the loan by several years. The Board voted to designate Christopher Peske, President, and John Staudt, Treasurer, as guarantors of the loan, and the loan documents have been finalized.

The Board of Trustees would like to extend its thanks to Tim Putra for his commitment to the church as President this past fiscal year and to outgoing Board members Erich Moraine, John Staudt, and Rob Suhr.

Submitted by Chris Peske

Welcome New Members Wally and Diane MacBain

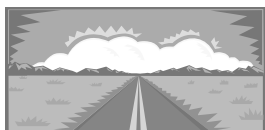
Wally was born in New Jersey, spending his summers as a youth in Tuckerton NJ at his grandparents' house on the ocean. It is hard for him to be living so far from the Atlantic Ocean and his many good friends, but Wally and Diane visit for a month in the fall and he flies out when possible.

Wally received his Law Degree Magna Cum Laude from Rutgers University in 1959, and he chose to teach rather than practice Law. He served as a Consultant to the Federal Government on the desegregation of schools in the mid 1960s. In 1961, he married his first wife, Gloria; they had two children, Wally IV and Lori. His only grandchild is 7 year-old Alexandria. Wally taught at the University of Louisville School of Law for four years. He and his family moved to Wisconsin where he taught Environmental and Constitutional Law at Marquette University Law School for 30 years. In 1979, he and Gloria were divorced; they have remained friends. Wally's passion is reading. In 1981 Wally and Diane married. Among other things, they enjoy hiking and traveling together.

Diane was born in Milwaukee and has lived within 30 miles of that town since birth. She has traveled extensively; her most favorite beautiful spot on earth is Norway. She has two adult sons, Ken, who is married to Erika, and Dave, who is married to Lori. They have three children each – two boys and four girls, ages 15 to 24.

Diane married shortly after graduating from high school and was divorced in 1980. Her thirst for knowledge kept her avidly seeking self-education throughout her adult life. Diane's favorite activities are the computer, writing, gardening, digital photography, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She likes to fill her time; retirement has not seemed to offer enough hours in the day to do all she wants.

Get Involved / Things to Do



Adopt A Highway

Our summer Adopt A Highway cleanup will be **Saturday July 11, at 9 a.m.**

Meet at the LCUUC parking lot. Our stretch of road is Highway E, from the intersection with K (northwest corner of LCUUC) north to where E turns sharply to the west. It takes about 1-1/2 hours total. Per Waukesha County rules, children participating must be at least 11 years old or in 6th grade. Wear good walking shoes and gloves, hat recommended. We supply the bags, orange vests, and refreshments! Please contact Gerry Flakas at gerflak@aol.com or at 262-646-2703 if you have any questions.

Bring School Supplies to Church on July 12!



On **Sunday, July 12**, LCUUC will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Waukesha County Backpack Coalition, an organization that provides financially challenged children and families with school supplies and backpacks (www.backpackcoalition.org). We're working with Volunteers of Lake Country (the same group that does our community garden to benefit local food pantries). The Volunteers of Lake Country are organizing three drives to collect school supplies on Saturday, July 25th – at the Walgreens in Delafield and Hartland as well as a "Fill-the-Bus" drive at the Wal-Mart in Pewaukee. Our children will be making banners promoting the drives during RE on July 12 and writing greetings to the children who will be receiving them.

If you would like to get involved with this effort, they would love to have adults and children helping out. Here's how you can get involved:

- ♦ You can volunteer to help at one of the locations on Saturday July 25th. It is a 2-hour commitment, and the shifts are 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., or 2 to 4 p.m. They need help at the Delafield Walgreens, and the Pewaukee Wal-Mart. You would basically be passing out bags, and asking customers if they would be willing to purchase some

school supplies while they are shopping to donate to children in need in the county.

- ♦ You can participate by bringing donations of school supplies/backpacks to the service on July 12th, or by coming to any of the locations on July 25th and purchasing them that day, and donating them to the Backpack Coalition.
- ♦ You can promote the drives in your workplace, in your neighborhood, or through your own email lists.

To volunteer, contact volunteersoflakecountry@wi.rr.com. Signing up early will allow them to place groups and friends together on the same shift!

Terrific Tuesdays Are Back!!!!

Beginning July 28th we will restart meditation with Dr. Paul Norton of the Order of Interbeing. This year we will slowly read through the book *Wherever You Go There You Are*, by Jon Kabat-Zinn. Paul will meet with us the fourth week of each month. We will also have a lay-led meditation session on the second Tuesday of the month. All sessions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. On the fourth Tuesday, Paul will offer instruction in meditation from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. for those interested.

Terrific Tuesdays are free and open to all members, friends, and community members. Please call Joanne at 262-367-2031 with any questions. We will also meet on August 11th and 25th.



Spruce up the Church Day

As we get ready for a new church year, we'll be spending some time making the building sparkle. If you have some time on **Sunday morning, August 23**, we hope you will join us for some organizing, cleaning, dusting, etc. Since we don't have a service that morning, we can focus on sprucing up the often overlooked places in our church. Approximate time is 9:00 a.m. to noon. Questions, contact Kerry Duma.



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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