

NEWS FROM UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH WEST

WE ARE A PEOPLE OF EXPECTATION

Sunday, September 1 – 10 am

"Working in Union for Justice"

Pulpit Guest: Janet Veum

Worship Leader: Steve Frey

Trouble in the workplace is often the initial motivator leading people to consider joining or forming a union. After taking that first step, many also begin a journey to “good trouble,” as Rep. John Lewis calls it. When people from different walks of life come together in union to pool their resources and share their strength, they become a mighty force for social and economic justice, achieving collectively what they never could alone. This Labor Day, we’ll hear some of their stories. **Special musical guests: Randy and Jess Rock and Robert Fewel.**

About our Guest: Janet Veum is a Unitarian Universalist and a Communications Coordinator for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), an organization of two million members dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families and creating a more just and humane society.

Sunday, September 8, 2019 – 10 am

"We Are a People of Expectation"

The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Ingathering Sunday / Water Communion

As we enter this new church year, expectations and excitement are everywhere! And, of course, where ever we have expectations there’s potential for fulfillment and disappointment. We offer tools today to help us navigate our expectations with humor and grace. **Kaleidoscope worship band joins us for joyful Ingathering music today.**

Please bring a little water today to symbolize your summer’s activities.

Sunday, September 15, 2019 – 10 am

"Asking Not Too Much of Earth"

The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Climate Change. If we are paying attention, those two words probably fill us with dread. The earth as we know it is changing: what can we do about it? How shall we live now? **Music to soothe our souls from the UUCW Adult Choir.**

Important meeting after the service today - please plan to stay for it!

Sunday, September 22, 2019 – 10 am

EarthSpirit Mabon, the Autumn Equinox

EarthSpirit Team, the Rev. Suzelle Lynch, and YOU!

At the autumn equinox, the harvest is winding down. The fields are emptying; the crops have been plucked and stored for the coming winter. With stories, songs, and rituals, we pause to honor the changing seasons and give thanks for what we have.

Sunday, September 29, 2019 – 10:00 am

"Border Crossing: Sustainable Social Activism and the Risk of Relationship"

UUCW Member Lynn Kapitan

Worship Leader: Eddee Daniel

In this service, Lynn Kapitan will offer thoughts and imagery from her long-term commitment to social activism as a cross-cultural researcher with community development leaders in Latin America. Together, we will contemplate the potential moral and spiritual lessons that arrive with the risk of relationship during times of political crisis.

Dr. Lynn Kapitan is a long-term member of UUCW and, in her professional life, a professor of art therapy at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. She has presented internationally on social justice issues in research and community-based care.



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- A MESSAGE FROM REV. SUZELLE LYNCH -

Dear Ones -- September brings the start of our new "church year." Just like the beginning of school for the younger set, we gear up here at UU Church West on Ingathering Sunday on September 8th. Religious education classes for children and youth will begin on that date, and our committee, team, group and program leaders are getting programs ready to go!

Our Soul Matters theme for September is "We are a People of Expectation," but if you're expecting "Ingathering As Usual," this year we think you'll be surprised! That's because we're doing something new: holding a single service during the regular church year at the same time we hold summer services - 10 am. It's a move designed to help us build a stronger community - and brings the possibility of more and diverse programming held on Sundays both before and after the service!

Like anything new, of course, having just one service will take some getting used to. The reality of our Build 2020 renovation construction process will still be in full speed, and that will also require some flexibility, too. Please come to church September 8 ready for energy, fun, and great music, and consider wear your best cloak woven of patience, kindness and compassion!

In the meantime, the world beyond the church walls is surprising, too. The election season is heating up, the Amazon rainforest is on fire, and there are thousands of children being held in detention centers at the southern US border. And while there is surprising good news coming out every day (like the work of young climate activist Greta Thunberg), it's also impossible to predict what new travesty will come daily from the current occupant of the White House...

What can we do when life doesn't meet our expectations? When circumstances force us to let go of the outcomes we cherish? When we're disappointed by people or organizations we love? What do we do when life's currents push us to places we never dreamed we'd go? How willing are we to loosen our grip on what "should be" and take "what is" into our hearts and lives?

Australian cartoonist and poet Michael Leunig offers a prayer to help us practice flexibility, patience, and compassion for ourselves and each other:

God give us rain when we expect sun.
Give us music when we expect trouble.
Give us tears when we expect breakfast.
Give us dreams when we expect a storm.
Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.
God play with us, turn us sideways and around.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

With love,

Suzelle

The Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Minister



Expectations Bring Inspiration

**Laurie Boddie,
UUCW Board of Trustees Vice President**

As September begins, UUCW is brimming with expectations, energy, and excitement! We begin the month by coming back together as one community to celebrate In-Gathering. So, welcome September, welcome fall, welcome back from vacations, from travel, from re-creation, from the spirit of Summer. Surrounding us are sights and sounds of expectations shaping into a living reality... new and renewed programs, a new staff member, so many changes to our physical space, and the move to a single Sunday service.

Recently the Board has been reflecting on the opportunities that await us with having one Sunday service. In preparation, we're adding more chairs to the sanctuary to accommodate what's sure to be a "full house" on most Sundays. What expectations do you have about our shift to one Sunday service? Personally, I love the energy that's present when we gather together as one community and have a full sanctuary. For many of us who have gotten into the habit of regularly attending either the earlier or the later service, we'll now have an opportunity to see new faces every week. What a perfect time to reach out to someone you don't know, or rarely see, and build a stronger relationship. We'll soon see that some of our meetings and gatherings may take on a new cadence with the natural option to linger a little longer after the service and coffee hour for meetings. All of this is still very much in the planning phases; so, stay tuned for more developments and information. All of these changes will also require a little patience as we begin to plan out the use of our gathering spaces on Sundays. Especially during our Build 2020 construction, we'll need to remain open and flexible as we continue to move forward.

Our 2020 UUCW expectations inspire me, and I hope they inspire you! Together as a community, we're embarking on new ways of working together and being together that will challenge us to more fully embody our UUCW mission as a community with one another and as a faith community in our wider world. See you at Church!

Questions? Contact Laurie Boddie at lblotus27@gmail.com



Do You Need a Listener?

From time to time, everybody needs a listening ear, or a shoulder to lean on. In times of grief, transition, struggle, or when simply feeling overwhelmed—giving voice to those feelings may help us move forward.

The Lay Pastoral Care Team is a group of trained, compassionate listeners, ready to offer care and support through difficult times. Lay Pastoral Care Team members may visit church members at home, in the hospital or a community setting, or they may talk by phone. Team members support those going through major life transitions or personal crisis. They show caring in a non-judgmental way through active listening. They do not provide therapy or a cure.

Lay Pastoral Care relationships are built on trust with respect for confidentiality. People may refer themselves for support, or sometimes a concerned friend will suggest that the Lay Pastoral Care Team contact a person in need. A team member will then make an initial phone call to introduce him or herself, and Lay Pastoral Care services.

Contact Lay Pastoral Care at laypastoralcare@uucw.org or call Rev. Suzelle Lynch via the church office. All inquiries will be handled confidentially.



Bring a Friend Sept 15 or to the Activity Fair October 6

Do you love this church and feel at home here? Do you feel supported in your core values and beliefs? Do you think we offer something special, something that should be shared with others? If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," why not invite a friend (or two) or family member into your church, so they can get to know you and us better? The Membership Committee encourages you to invite friends or family to **Bring-a-Friend Sunday, September 15**. We extend a warm UUCW welcome to all!

Or, bring your friend on October 6 when we'll hold our annual UUCW Activity Fair in the Community Room after the service. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about groups that interest you (or your friend) and discover ways you can get involved. You will have the chance to talk with group members and facilitators. All are welcome to explore, connect, and join. For more information about Bring-a-Friend Sunday or the Activity Fair, contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.

September REflections



Dave Cicero,
Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Welcome! Now that I'm settling in (a bit) in my position, I would like to welcome *you* back to the start of another fabulous church year at UUCW. In my career, I have often heard parents of students say, "Wow, I wish I could be in that class!" Well, read on for your opportunity to learn....

Inspire! Sunday RE classes for children and youth are about to begin on September 8, and we're still looking to staff some teaching positions. You do NOT need to be a parent of an RE student to be a teacher (although parents ARE asked to contribute time in some way...) And you do NOT need to be an expert in a particular subject, either. RE teachers work *with a partner* (which is why it's so important for us to fill these spots!) to lead a class of 10-15 students through an experience about 6-8x/year. A structure to follow already exists. Really, the only requirement is a caring and empathetic manner with young people.

According to many experienced teachers of RE, this role is informative, inspiring and, in many cases, can be transformational. You will learn and connect with the subject matter, but also with a) our children and youth (the "lifeblood" of a congregation), and b) your own UU beliefs—perhaps in a new and profound way. Sound like something you need? Please contact me for more information.

Connect! If working with other adults is more up your alley, please let me know what talent, knowledge, or question you might be interested in exploring this coming year. Offerings for Adult RE are still (always) being planned and scheduled. If you'd rather "volunteer" someone else to lead a workshop or classes, I also welcome that information. Please forward to me suggestions, and check your communication tool of choice [eNews? WestWind? Website? Word-of-mouth?] for the most up-to-date opportunities. Then, plan to meet others with similar interests—or talk a friend into joining with you!

Register! The best way to make sure we're setting up the best Child/Youth RE program possible — and communicating with families effectively — is to register your kiddos. If you haven't already, please do so at <http://bit.ly/UUCWRE2019>. If you have, thank you! And "stay tuned" for ways in which you can help the RE Transition team shape the RE program of our future.

Q Youth Club



The next meeting of the Q Youth Club is **Friday, September 13 from 6-8:00 pm**. Q Youth Group is a social group for LGBTQI+ youth ages 13-18 and provides facilitated support and social opportunities for youth and their families. The group creates a safe space where youth can hang out with other LGBTQI teens and meet new people in a respectful environment! Q Youth group is open to the public and free! Contact Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.



UUCW Hiring Campus Specialist

Are you a quick learner, a jack-of-all-trades, and a hard worker who takes pride in what you do? Unitarian Universalist Church West is looking for the perfect candidate to fill our Campus Specialist position. This is a part-time 15-20 hour per week position.

Duties include janitorial, maintenance, running the sound system, preparing various furniture setups, and building security. This job requires flexible hours, which include evenings and weekends — at least two to three times per month. Hours are scheduled to meet church needs.

The ability to lift, push, pull and move equipment, furniture, supplies, etc. up to 50 pounds is required. Customer service skills are important. Ability to understand and work with technology is a must. Training is provided. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Vicki Banville, Church Administrator via the church office.



Don't Forget to Bring Your Water on September 8!

Our annual celebration of UUCW's Ingathering, is one of many practiced by UUs across the country. Everyone is invited to bring water representing what we bring to this community. Whether from the garden hose in your backyard or from some far away vacation — all water can be a source of inspiration, healing, rejuvenation, or sustenance. Likewise, we all bring unique gifts and perspectives that combine to create this beloved community.

If there's a water-issue you'd like us to highlight this year, please be in touch with Rev. Suzelle Lynch via the church office.

September Split the Plate Supports Kathy's House



Each Sunday we invite people at our church service to split their offerings between the church and a not-for-profit group in the community that is doing something purposeful. We look for organizations whose work contributes in some way to a more just, equitable and compassionate community.

The September Split the Plate recipient is Kathy's House. Located in Wauwatosa near Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin, their mission is to provide affordable lodging and caring support in a "home away from home" environment for families who travel to Milwaukee for medical care. It was founded in 2001 by Dick Vogel in memory of his daughter, Kathy, who died of cancer in 2000.

The Family Program for Patients and Caregivers was created to help offset costs for those who have little, if anything, to contribute toward their lodging at Kathy's House. This funding program ensures that all families facing medical crises, including those with financial hardship, can access needed health care and stay together. Many patients need advanced cancer care provided at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin and other Milwaukee area hospitals. For families, the cost associated with staying at a moderately-priced hotel is out of reach. Many of the guests - before being referred to Kathy's House - were sleeping in their cars, driving back and forth long distances daily, or sharing their loved one's hospital room because they could not afford lodging. The average nightly donation for accommodations to stay at Kathy's House is just \$35. The generosity of donors who support the Family Program for Patients and Caregivers means that the remainder of the \$85 per night cost incurred for each room can be met, and no one is turned away due to the inability to donate their stay.

We are proud to have Kathy's House as our Split the Plate partner in September. And, we are certain you will be moved after hearing the stories of some of their guests during our September services. For more about Kathy's House, go to <https://kathys-house.org/> For more about Split the Plate, contact Sue Schalig via the church office.

Food Donations to Wauwatosa Food Pantry Honor Weston Legacy



For September, the non-perishable food collection will be for the Wauwatosa Food Pantry. This pantry has partnered with the Hunger Task Force and will focus on healthy choices such as canned tuna and canned chicken, although all donations will gratefully be accepted. Thank you for all the many contributions of the past!

UUCW's ongoing food collection was started by Melanie Weston's mother years ago, and all donations were given to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry only. Now, however, a different pantry is chosen each month for wider coverage for folks in need. Thanks again for helping others!

Please contact Ellen via the church office. Thank you! Ellen Newbauer and Melanie Weston, Co-chairs.

Men's Breakfast Group



Join this early-rising group on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:45 am at Bakers Square at 15300 Bluemound Rd., Elm Grove.** Come for conversations on current events, philosophy, movies, in a small group. Contact Jerry Kashmerick via the church office.

Take a Fall Walk with Earth Ministry



Join the Earth Ministry team for a fall walk along the Oak Leaf Trail from Hoyt Park to the Tosa Farmers Market on **Saturday, September 14.** Meet at UUCW at 9:45 am for carpooling or meet at **Hoyt Park pool, 1800 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa at 10:00 am.** Parking is also available near the Farmers Market at 7720 Harwood Ave. The Oak Leaf Trail is paved. To RSVP or for more information, contact Almuth Soffee via the church office.

Wisdom & Whimsy Returns Oct 9



Wisdom and Whimsy is a fun and friendly group for people over 50, which meets the second Wednesday of the month from October until May. The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 9 from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm.** We will share our summer experiences and discuss what we are going to do in the coming year. Bring your own bag lunch and a beverage. Please contact Susan Foley or Charlene Carter via the church office.

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Living Our Values



DUUversity Theatre Announces 2019-20 Season



DUUversity Theatre is a group of Members and Friends who support diversity in the Milwaukee community by attending theatre productions that feature different cultural and ethical themes. After the performance, all those who are interested, get together for dinner and stimulating conversation about the performance and its meaning for us as individuals and as members of the greater Milwaukee community. This group is open to everyone who enjoys theatre and interesting discussion.

DUUversity Theatre Group's opening production is:

***Fires in the Mirror* by Anna Deavere Smith**

September 22 – 2:00 pm

MCT – Studio Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center
158 N. Broadway 414-291-7800 www.r-t-w.com

A documentary about an actual event that sparked riots in Brooklyn after a 7-year-old black child is killed when a Hasidic man's car jumps the curb and a rabbinical student is stabbed and killed in what seems to be an act of retaliation.

This is the small theatre with only ninety-nine seats available and they tend to fill quickly.

You are welcome to join the group for dinner and discussion by calling Kristin Fewel via the church office to get information, to RSVP for dinner or to carpool.

If you are interested in attending all or some of this year's productions, pick up the complete DUUversity Theatre Group brochure on the table in the church lobby.



Fall Decorations: Donation Rotation September 29

Join the Fall Donation – Rotation. Look around your house and see what Halloween and Thanksgiving items you may want to swap out for a change! Bring the things you no longer use. Do you have Halloween costumes you have been meaning to donate? Or how about Halloween, Thanksgiving, or fall decorations. And are there items like a turkey platter, gravy boat or ladle, carving knife you no longer need? Bring the items to the Community Room on **Sunday, September 29** and place on the tables. After service, anyone may take whatever they want for free! You do not have to bring an item to take something. For more info, contact Pat Ginter via the church office.

Soul Circle Facilitators Needed



Soul Circles are groups of 6-9 people who meet once a month for sharing, listening, exploring major spiritual themes that affect us every day. They are a great way to create community with other UUCW members and friends.

We are now seeking Soul Circle Facilitators! This is a great opportunity for those who have participated in a Soul Circle in the past. Facilitators are participant-members of a Soul Circle who monitor the pulse of their group and model deep listening and open participation. Each Soul Circle typically has two co-facilitators who work in tandem to guide the group. The dates and time of group will be dependent on facilitator availability.

Requirements of Facilitators:

- Engage in pre-reading and contemplation exercises based on that month's worship theme.
- Consistent attendance. This is key to building trust and forming community in a Soul Circle. Soul Circles meet once a month from October – June for two hours each session.
- Foster deep listening and open participation among members.
- Participate in one webinar training held during the following times: noon on **Saturday, September 7** or **7:00 pm on Monday, September 19**.

If you are interested in being a facilitator please email Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office with your availability.

Soul Matters 2019-2020 Themes What Does It Mean to be a People of...

September: Expectation

October: Belonging

November: Attention

December: Awe

January: Integrity

February: Resilience

March: Wisdom

April: Liberation

May: Thresholds

June: Play

How Do I Become a UUCW Member?



Let's say that you've been coming to UUCW on Sundays for a while — a month or two, perhaps... Or maybe it's been longer. And now you wonder, "Is there something I need to do to make my relationship with the UUCW community official?"

The answer is YES! You need to sign the Membership Book. This is how people become official members of UUCW. Your signature in the Membership Book symbolizes that you have made that promise - it indicates you are in accord with UUCW's mission and purpose; that you are now "owning" the church in a new way!

While taking the UU Orientation class is a beneficial way to further your knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and UUCW, it is not required to join-you can join UUCW at any time. When YOU are ready, contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis or Rev. Suzelle Lynch, and they will witness your signature in the Book.

You may be asking what's required of members? UUCW invites members to participate regularly in congregational life, which means things like coming to Sunday services, volunteering, joining an Affinity Group or Committee. This is important because it is the best way to get to know people and make friends at church. Doing these things can also help you learn more about Unitarian Universalism and nurture your personal spirituality.

The one basic requirement of membership is making an annual financial contribution. You're investing a part of your life energy into the community! Members' financial contributions fund more than 80% of the church's annual budget — that's why you'll be asked to pledge financial support each year.

Need more information about Membership, Volunteering, or Giving at UUCW? Contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis or Rev. Suzelle Lynch via the church office.

UUCW Celebrates September Membership Anniversaries



Congratulations to **Melissa Taylor** who is celebrating her 2nd anniversary and to **Robert and Caryl Sewell** who are celebrating their 15th anniversary!

For more information about UUCW membership, contact Brianna Laux Kocis, Community Builder, via the church office.

Register for UU Orientation Class!



UU Orientation is open to newcomers and those interested in becoming members of UUCW. The next two-part UU Orientation class will be held **Sundays, October 13 and 20 from 11:45 am -1:45 pm.**

Every individual's faith journey is different. During UU Orientation we explore these journeys and how Unitarian Universalism can fit into one's future spiritual path.

UU Orientation offers:

- An opportunity for prospective members to explore and share their personal spiritual journeys.
- Information about Unitarian Universalism - our ideals and principles.
- An overview of Unitarian Universalist history.
- An overview of UUCW history.
- Information on ways to get involved at UUCW, through our programs, committees, music, education, etc.
- Answers to any other questions you may have.
- A community of other newcomers and a Membership Committee mentor to turn to for guidance within the church.

Please contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office to register or answer any further questions. Childcare can be provided with **registration before Tuesday, October 1.**

Healing After Loss Group Listens and Provides Opportunity to Share



This new confidential group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one at any time. Whether you feel comfortable sharing or just listening, you are most welcome. We are all here to support one another. This group will meet from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning on **September 18** and continuing through May. We look forward to talking to you and seeing you in September. If you would enjoy a beverage, please bring one along.

If you have any questions, please call one of the co-facilitators, Charlene Carter or Susan Foley via the church office.

Nurture Your Spirit Through Music



There are many opportunities for meaningful personal enrichment in service to UUCW. Music is an excellent way for you to have fun, meet new people, feed your spirit, and participate in a vibrant, vital ministry to the church. Music at UUCW is all-inclusive. Everyone can participate as they feel comfortable and there are many offerings to suit your schedule.

Adult Choir - The adult choir performs music encompassing a variety of styles, from classical to gospel and folk to jazz. Singers of all abilities are welcome! The ability to read music is not a prerequisite of membership. The adult choir rehearses weekly on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm** and performs 2 times a month at Sunday services.

Solstice Singers - The Solstice Singers will perform at our **Winter Solstice service on Friday, December 20.**

Children's Choir - Children of all ages are encouraged to join; no previous experience is necessary. Performance dates are **Sundays, October 13, 2019 and May 10, 2020.**

Multigenerational Choir - The Multigenerational Choir will perform at the **Holiday Music Service on December 15** and the **Spring Songfest on March 22.** The choir is open to all ages and skill levels.

Christmas Eve Music - All instruments and voices are welcome to participate in the Christmas Eve Chamber Group, which will perform at the **4:00 pm service on Tuesday, December 24.**

Music Committee - The Music Committee provides support to the Music Directors in planning events, filing choral music, and executing the music program. Meetings are held before Adult Choir rehearsal the first week of each month at 5:45 pm. Committee members do not need to be members of any of the ensembles.

For more information about music ministry opportunities, please contact Lead Music Director, Jennifer Nicolosi via the church office.

Tap Roots: A Pub Spirituality Group



Tap Roots will meet on **Monday, September 23 at 7:00 pm at Benno's, 7413 W Greenfield Ave, Milwaukee.** This convivial drop in affinity group is for anyone who likes dialog, not debate, over deeper philosophical, ethical and theological issues. RSVP's unnecessary but appreciated to Jim Gerber via the church office.

September Library News



Books about Jordi Bonet, the Canadian artist who created the sculpture wall in our Sanctuary, have been donated by Ann Terwilliger from the collection of Lilo Sewell. These books are now cataloged and available in the Library. They have been designated as reference books and can only be used in the Library, not checked out. If you are interested in these books, see the Library Committee volunteer in the Library after the service each Sunday.

Books that have been recently withdrawn from the library as the committee weeds the collection are available for free on a table in the Community Room. Help yourself. For more information, contact Carolyn Lawrence via the church office.

The Great Books Group Explores Revelatory Biography



Great Books is discussing *Ruth Bader Ginsberg: A Life* by Jane Sherron de Hart on **September 9 at 10:00 am.** A professor emerita of history at the University of California, Santa Barbara, the author explores the crucial experiences that formed Ginsberg's passion for justice, her advocacy for gender equality, and her meticulous jurisprudence.

Great Books will be discussing *The Agony and the Ecstasy* by Irving Stone on **Monday, October 14.**

If you have any questions, please contact co-facilitator Joyce Prewitt or Kit Hansen via the church office

Women's Book Group Discusses Educated



Please join the Women's Book Discussion Group on **Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm** to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure that the children receive an education, so Tara began to educate herself. Of Tara, Bill Gates said, "I thought I was pretty good at teaching myself — until I read Tara Westover's memoir *Educated*. Her ability to learn on her own blows mine right out of the water." All adults are welcome.

Questions? Contact Kathy Schwei or Marilyn Swanson via the church office.

Earth Ministry Offers Climate Justice Events



Join us in building resistance to Climate Change and add our moral voices to the movement for Climate Justice.

Global Climate Strike - September 20 – 27

The Unitarian Universalist Assn has partnered with the Global Climate Strike to join young people and adults all across the US and world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. Millions will take the streets to demand a right to a future, and we're inviting you to join us. Members of UUCW's Earth Ministry will participate in two events which will take place at Milwaukee's City Hall.

- **Friday, September 20** – Connect with Milwaukee area students to support the student climate strike.
- **Saturday, September 21** – Rally and march in collaboration with other Milwaukee area groups.

Carpooling available from UUCW. Exact meeting time and locations yet to be announced.

Additional Climate Justice events held at UUCW:

“Paris to Pittsburgh” Documentary Viewing Sunday, September 22 - 11:30 am.

This National Geographic film examines the changes Pittsburgh has made towards energy efficiency, even as the US withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement. It may provide a hopeful road map for the future. The film looks at the effects of climate change on regular people who are dealing with its repercussions on their local towns. And it captures what's at stake for their communities, and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act Sunday, October 13 - 11:30 am

Join us for a presentation to learn about a practical solution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act has been promoted by the Citizen Climate Lobby (CCL) and introduced into the US Congress (HR 763). Presented by Phil Smith and Mike Jury, Environmental Engineers and members of CCL.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Almuth Soffee via the church office.

Committee on Ministry Task Force



The Committee on Ministry Task Force is hard at work gathering information. We've been conducting interviews with UUCW leaders and with other congregations. We'd like to hear from you, too! During September, we'll be at a table in the **Community Room after Sunday worship on September 15 and September 22**. We invite you to stop by for a conversation or to sign-up for an interview. Watch for details in weekly announcements and e-news. Meanwhile, for more information, please contact CoMTF Chair Laurie Boddie at lplotus27@gmail.com

Enjoy Quilting with the PieceMakers



PieceMakers is an affinity group for people interested in sewing and quilting. All ages and levels of sewers and quilters are welcome, from beginners to experts. Members enjoy fellowship and learn from and are inspired by other members. One of the goals of the group is to ensure that the love for sewing and quilting is passed on through the UUCW generations.

Activities include demos by group members, outings to quilting related events, and sharing ideas and projects. In addition to personal projects, members make quilts for the benefit of UUCW and charity quilts which serve as an outreach between UUCW and the community.

PieceMakers meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. The group also meets if there is a fifth Saturday to work on quilting projects. The next meetings are on **Saturdays, August 31 and September 21**. For more information, contact Carolyn Lawrence via the church office.

Gen UU Offers Beer Garden Event



Help build a young adult (18-35-year-olds) community at UUCW by joining other UU young adults in camaraderie and socializing on **Sunday, September 15 between 12:00 – 2:00 pm at The Landing beer garden at Hoyt Park, 1800 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa**. Bring your bike to join a leisurely group bike ride at 2:00 pm from the same location if you wish. Families and children are welcome!

Looking ahead, Gen UU will be attending the Enderis Park Neighborhood **Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 20 from 10 am – 2 pm**. Stay tuned for more details. To RSVP or for more information on either event, contact Chelsey Nisbet via the church office.

Autumn Equinox Song Circle

Friday September 20, 7:00-8:30pm

"Try to remember the kind of September, when life was slow and oh so mellow... "

Do you recognize those lyrics and the tune that may suddenly come to you? That's what happens at our Song Circle! Come and celebrate the autumn equinox in song.

We enjoy using our copies of the book Rise Up Singing (includes 1200 songs!), along with our two UU hymnals, to give us ideas for songs to sing together. This is not a concert and no instruments are required! Easy to learn songs will include classic songs of peace, nature, social justice, hymns, and rounds. This adult Song Circle is open to the public, so bring your friends, too! Please bring a snack to share (optional), and/or your water bottle. Contact Sarah Stokes via the church office with any questions. Singing together is fun, and good for you, too - hope to see you there!



UUCW Values Your Suggestions

At UUCW, we welcome suggestions from church members and friends. All suggestions are taken seriously — they will be brought to the attention of appropriate church leadership, considered, and responded to — in a timely manner. But it should be noted that not all suggestions will be actionable.

There are three ways to submit a suggestion:

1. Send a suggestion directly, in writing or by e-mail, to any UUCW staff member, board member, committee or council chair, or program or team leader.
2. Place a written suggestion in the labeled suggestion box located on the foyer wall just outside the small kitchen. A staff person checks this box on a regular basis.
3. Send a suggestion electronically by filling the "contact us" form at www.uucw.org. The suggestion will be automatically routed to a staff person.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Banville, Church Administrator, via the church office.



It's Time to Help at Guest House!

You're invited to help make a change in the lives of those in need. **Saturday, September 21st** will be our next turn to help at Guest House. Every month the UU churches of Milwaukee provide a meal to over 100 homeless at the Guest House, a shelter for men in downtown Milwaukee. We need volunteers to provide food or soda and servers and adult assistants to help with transportation and serving. Please be sure to sign up at the Social Action table on **Sundays September 1, 8 or 15 after service** or contact Eileen Gleeson via the church office or if you can help. You can also use our new online sign-up at <http://bit.ly/GuestSept2019> Please note: Children are generally welcome to help serve, but please consult with us before signing them up.



YRUU Fall Car Wash!

Mark your calendars! The YRUU youth group's car wash fundraiser is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15**, weather permitting. Bring your car to the west parking lot before the service of your choice and the YRUUs will give your vehicle an environmentally friendly hand wash and dry while you enjoy UUCW's wonderful Sunday service.

You choose the donation amount. Proceeds support the 2020 Heritage Trip to Boston and other activities. For more information, contact Natalie Fleury via the church office.



You Can Create an Affinity Group

As we gather together again, September is a great month to start a new Affinity Group! Affinity Groups help connect people with others who have similar interests in our church. They are open to all, both members and non-members are welcome to attend. They typically meet once a month where they gather to participate in shared activities or to discuss their mutual interest. While Affinity Groups can be formed at any time during the year, September is often when people are looking for new ways to get involved with the church.

If you have an interest that you believe aligns with our UU beliefs and you would like to lead the church community in by forming an Affinity Group, contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.



Build 2020 Update - Important!



If you haven't already noticed, the Build 2020 construction is well under way. A lot has been accomplished but there is so much more yet to do. Below is an estimated work schedule through mid-September. Please remember that construction schedules are always subject to change.

Lower Level

Elevator – masonry shaft completed
ADA ramp to be laid out and structure started

Main Level

Carpet removal completed
Restrooms shut down and demolition completed
Stud walls and ceilings construction nearly completed
Rough-in for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing begun
Elevator shaft 90% completed

Roof

Shingle roof demolition completed
Rooftop HVAC moved to new location
Temporary membrane roof patch in place for move of rooftop unit and elevator shaft penetration

Mechanicals and Electrical

Demo begun on Existing Air Handling Unit system
Wiring of new fire alarm, elevator, and HVAC begun

IMPORTANT CAUTIONS!

The lower level construction area has been made safe for viewing so you are welcome to visit and look at the progress. We apologize for the inconveniences and are making every effort to ensure everyone's comfort and safety. Please take care when visiting the area:

- **Stay out of restricted areas marked with signs and caution tape.** When visiting the lower level, stay behind barriers.
- **Watch your step on uneven floors.** Additional rubber mats will be in place to make floor transitions safer, but step mindfully!
- **Look before you turn on a light switch.** Numerous light switches have been disabled and covered. Do not attempt to turn on any covered light switches.
- **Supervise your children at ALL times.** Children are naturally curious and will want to explore new areas. Our normal guideline of "no unsupervised children" is doubly important now, during construction!

- **The accessible / non-gender specific / family restroom on the main floor is unavailable.** We apologize for this major inconvenience. Please yield the right-of-way to those members use walkers or wheelchairs when you are using the main level restrooms. Offer assistance to others, too! ***If you need a non-gender specific restroom***, please use to the preschool restroom at the bottom of the East Stairs (red stairs). Be aware that the toilet in this restroom is lower than standard height. ***If you need a diaper changing table***, one is available in the Nursery (LL-11) on the Lower Level (down the West Stairs/blue stairs).
- **All main level restrooms will be closed at some point.** There will be porta potty units available, including one with accessibility for persons with mobility disabilities.
- **Name tags have moved but are still important!** A temporary system of alphabetized storage bins has been put in place to hold name tags during construction. If this "bin system" becomes a hassle for you, please feel free to keep your name tag in your car, purse, or wallet for the next few months. But please do continue to wear your name tag — when we know each other's names, it helps build community at UUCW!

Come and see the Build 2020 Project Display in the Community Room. Floor plans, artist's drawings, textile samples, and construction photos will be on display. Phil Kroner, Build 2020 Task Force Team Chair, will be available in the Community Room to answer your questions or contact him at pakroner@gmail.com

Your Pledge is Important. It's never too late to increase your pledge for the Build 2020 Capital Campaign or to make a new pledge if you haven't done so already. Contact Vicki Banville, Church Administrator, to make a pledge or adjust an existing pledge via the church office. Any additional funds received will be put to good use and may expand the amount of work we can do. If you have more questions, or simply want to discuss the project in more detail, contact Phil Kroner, Chair of the Build 2020 Task Force via the church office.





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Come As You Are, Leave Inspired!



YOU'RE INVITED!

September 15 - 10:00 am

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Share with a friend the
community that makes
you feel at home.

We are eager to extend
a warm UUCW welcome to all!



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