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| Sunday, October 6, 2019  | 10 am     | "Ten Bad Reasons to Join This Church"             | The Rev. Suzelle Lynch                        | Being a Unitarian Universalist is AWESOME — and being a member of our particular congregation brings many benefits, even in this era when belonging to a faith community seems to be going out of style. Today we take a tongue-in-cheek look at why you should NOT join UUCW (and perhaps figure out why you should!) We also honor National Coming Out Day today.  
**The UUCW Choir will provide special music for New Member Sunday.** |
| Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 10 am     | "Wolves, Pigs and the House of Belonging"         | The Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Dave Cicero, Lifespan Director of Religious Education, and YOU | In a community of all ages this morning we revisit the story of The Three Little Pigs and see what it has to teach us about being a People of Belonging. Get ready for meaningful fun!  
**Music today from Jen Nicolosi, Lead Music Director, and the Fall Children's Choir.** |
| Sunday, October 20, 2019 | 10 am     | "A People of Belongings"                          | The Rev. Suzelle Lynch                        | To what degree do we belong, not to one another or to communities of meaning, but to the “stuff” we own? Are we a People of Belonging, or a People of Belongings? Is it possible to be both?  
**Lively music today from the UUCW Kaleidoscope Band.** |
| Sunday, October 27, 2019 | 10 am     | "Samhain: An EarthSpirit Ritual of Remembrance"   | The Rev. Suzelle Lynch and the EarthSpirit Team | Unitarian Universalists find food for mind and soul in many different sources of religious wisdom — one of them is the sacred cycle of life, death and regeneration honored in earth-centered religious traditions (sometimes called pagan or Wiccan traditions.) Today we celebrate Samhain, a holiday marking the end of the harvest season, and the acceptance of death as part of life. People in early agrarian cultures honored Samhain as a time to take stock of their accomplishments, to honor their beloved dead, and to look forward into the coming year — we will, too!  
**Come hear the UUCW Choir sing today!** |
What does it mean to be “A People of Belonging”?

Belonging is a hunger. It’s a hunger to be invited in, to be part of the group, to be at home and important in a community. We’ve all felt it, this longing to be included. No one likes being shut out, standing at the window looking in as others share smiles and laughter. From the time we are little kids, belonging is what we long for.

I know I’ve certainly felt that longing. As one of three sisters, the cry, “they’re leaving me out!” was heard frequently at our house when I was growing up—usually uttered by my little sister or me in our passionate desire to be included in whatever our big sister was doing! And oh, I’ll never forget the year that all three of us entered our artwork in a poster contest sponsored by the company our dad worked for… My sisters both won awards and I didn’t. As they stood with our dad and the company president for a photograph, I felt so left out, so lonely…

At UUCW, we believe that the shelter of belonging — the circle of belonging — needs to extend broadly. That’s why we offer lots of opportunities for small groups, committee and teamwork, and the chance to share joys and concerns on Sundays. We also offer rituals of belonging for our children in religious education classes and youth groups. Who is the “we” that offers these things? At the beginning of the process, it’s probably the staff, the leaders and teachers and I, but like most things in church life, it doesn’t work unless YOU are involved, too.

That’s the thing about Belonging: it’s not a one-way process, not a journey that ends with an ending! We can come in, become comfortable, join, and participate, but we don’t get to close the door behind us. Because at the core of “Club UUCW” is the fact that we’re not actually a club at all. At our community’s core is the knowledge that our deepest values call us to keep opening the circle wider — opening our hearts and our lives to listen to, appreciate, and welcome the next person who comes along, and then the next and the next…

I hope you’ll always know how much you are loved at UUCW, and that you’ll remember that it’s your kind smile, your open heart that will help others know that they belong here.

With joy in the present and faith in the future,

Suzelle

The Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Minister

P.S. If you’d like to join in the “official work of belonging” let me know! There are dozens of ways to enjoy engagement and help others find their way into our open and embracing circle.
Sensing Belonging
Scott Shulick, Board of Trustees President

Our October Soul Matters theme is, “We are a People of Belonging.” As I reflect on the idea of belonging, I would like to think there are many things that create a sense of belonging we share, and which keeps us connected to UUCW. And connected to each other. Belonging at UUCW is something I think about often. It’s one of the main reasons we joined UUCW — to find a spiritual place where we belong. For me, its place and purpose and people that help me feel like I belong.

Over the last few years, I have broadened my view of UUCW belonging. As a board member, and even more so as your president, I have the added responsibility of helping to ensure each one of you feel like UUCW is a place where you belong.

As I mentioned in my August article, there’s no shortage of change going on this fall. Every day we walk in, there’s something new going on with the construction. Yet in the end, we hope that our physical space creates a sense of belonging for you — whether that’s from having gender-neutral bathrooms or an easily accessible building for those that need it or from how it’s final aesthetic comes together to invite a sense of belonging.

The gift of seeing all of you on Sunday helps me feel like I belong as well. Last Sunday I arrived just as service began. By the time I got into the sanctuary, all of the hymnals and orders of service had been handed out. I took a seat near the back between two members. Very softly, very naturally and without hesitation, my neighbor shared their order of service and hymnal every time they were needed, simply by holding it between us. Sharing fuels belonging.

On September 15th, we held a congregational meeting. Its purpose was to come together to discuss the future of the East property. The sense of connection, of love, of belonging, was evident in the impassioned perspectives so many of you shared. I was really touched by all who approached me after the meeting simply to thank me for leading everyone through such an important and challenging meeting. It was my pleasure.

Thank you for helping me feel like I belong. Let me know how I can return the favor.

Scott

Questions? Contact Scott Shulick via the church office.

Find Inner Peace with the Lay Pastoral Care Team

October is such a beautiful month with chilly clear days, filled with vibrant colors. Normally, you would be looking forward to going to football games, to closing up the cottage, or maybe spending a last weekend camping. But not this year. Now the goblins of worry are scurrying around in your mind. Do you have concerns about your kids? Or trouble with your partner? For some, money is an ever-worrisome concern. Whatever is bothering you, relief can be found by talking to a Lay Pastoral Care Team member who is a trained, compassionate, nonjudgmental listener. Then you might view your problem from a different perspective and see a solution yourself that could provide an inner peace, a sanctuary within yourself.

Individuals may seek support for themselves, or a friend or family member may suggest that the Lay Pastoral Care Team contact the person. A team member will make an initial call to introduce themselves and Lay Pastoral Care services, and to ask if this would be helpful.

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

Bring a Friend to Sunday Service and the Activity Fair on October 6

We invite you to bring a friend to service on Sunday, October 6th. For many of us, this community and the values it stands for are dear to us. UUCW is an important part of our life. We want others to know about this wonderful place, but how do we talk about it?

You could try an invitation like this, “As you probably know, UU Church West is very important to me. It is a place where I feel at home. As someone who is important to me, I want you to see this place and to meet the people who mean so much to me. Would you like to come with me?”

After the service, you and your friend are welcome to stay for the Activity Fair held in the Community Room. This is a great opportunity to learn about groups that interest you 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 Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.
Wow! What an exciting start to the church year. I’ve heard from you, the congregation and visitors, how “bustling” everything seems… building construction in full gear, a full sanctuary, full classrooms, and a full schedule of events and activities. One thing’s for sure: UU’s keep busy! This time of year, I usually need to remind myself (and encourage you to do the same) to…

Check in!
Ask yourself (and each other): What’s on your plate?
Enough “stuff,” but with some things that you find just “filling,” rather than “tasty?” Consider substituting with activities that nourish you. And if you’re not sure what those might be, perhaps it’s time to do some “taste-testing,” to explore… there are many opportunities here at UUCW. Any of us on staff can help you find something healthy, yet satisfying.

Is it too full? Maybe you can share some of it. Find someone to “split your plate.” (“Expectations” portions are so out of control these days!) Be realistic with your own time and energy. Prioritize, and take time to appreciate what you are able to do.

Maybe you’re finding your plate a bit empty? What would best nourish you? Suggest (or offer) a topic to explore in an adult RE class. Ask the person next to you how they’re staying connected to our community — or reaching out into the broader world — and ask to join in. Or, perhaps… dedicate a Sunday morning every month or so, to share your curiosity and enthusiasm for our UU faith with a group of young ones in children’s RE. (Positions are still available on teaching teams, and planning has already begun for the calendar year 2020.)

I’m learning very quickly how big the “menu” is here at UUCW, and how many ideas people have that could still be put into place. I invite you to share with me what you find fulfilling about UUCW, and what you dream of as “still possible.” And, especially, please contact me if children’s or adult RE is an area in which you’d like to contribute.

Child Dedication
If you have recently introduced a new child to the world… or would like to introduce a child (of any age, really) to our UUCW community… please plan to be part of our Child Dedication ceremony, to be held Sunday, November 10.
MICAH is the Split the Plate Recipient for October

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.

Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) has been chosen as the October recipient by UUCW’s Split the Plate Committee. UUCW joined MICAH, the Milwaukee area, multi-racial, interfaith organization a few years ago and supports its ongoing commitment to justice issues that impact Milwaukee city and county residents.

Brief MICAH history: Founded in 1988, MICAH’s beginning is rooted in efforts to fight hunger. Recognizing that effectively ending hunger required raising people out of poverty, seven congregations across denominational lines were brought together through training conducted by Gamaliel, a national organizing network offering professional training and other resources to congregation-based organizing groups.

Currently: Membership consists of 36 congregations from many religious traditions. MICAH is currently one of 11 affiliates of WISDOM, a grassroots, statewide, congregation-based action network that works to promote the common good by building diverse communities and encouraging broad participation in the democratic process. Gamaliel continues to support those justice efforts, which have resulted in numerous positive changes in and around Milwaukee and across Wisconsin.

MICAH’s primary focus areas: Concentrated poverty; Mass incarceration; Low academic achievement in Milwaukee public schools. Current, standing MICAH-specific groups include Jobs & Economic Development; Public School Equity; Immigration; Prison Reform; & AODA Treatment task forces.

A few of MICAH’s past achievements:
During MICAH’s early years — MICAH Banking Campaign: 17 financial institutions actively addressed discriminatory lending practices, resulting in more than $700 million in loans to thousands of inner-city homebuyers, many whom had previously been denied the opportunity to own homes.

2005: Instrumental in getting state TAD (Treatment Alternatives and Diversionary programs) legislation passed, resulting each year in more than 500 non-violent offenders being sent to drug treatment and mental health treatment instead of jail or prison.

2014: Collaborated with the Black Health Coalition and the ACLU in winning a $13.5 million Zoo interchange settlement. Resulted in three transit lines from Milwaukee to business parks in New Berlin, Menomonee Falls, and Germantown—connecting people without transportation to suburban jobs.

This is just a short synopsis of all the worthy justice work that is supported by UUCW’s membership, active participation, and financial contributions. Please continue to show your active support for October’s Split the Plate recipient!

For more about MICAH, go to https://micahmke.org/ For more about Split the Plate, contact Sue Schalig via the church office.

Q Youth Club

The next meeting of the Q Youth Club is Friday, October 11 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! Chosen activities are based on the group’s interests. Q Youth group is open to the public and free!

For more info, contact Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.

Soul Circles Invites You to Join a Sharing Group

Share the gift of spiritual connection in Soul Circles, a small group (6-9 people) that meets monthly for sharing, listening, inner life discoveries, and creating community. Each meeting focuses on the Soul Matters theme our whole congregation is exploring that month. Inspirational readings or video, and reflection questions help participants discover new truths about their lives and explore deeper ways of being authentic and whole.

**Bystander Intervention Training at UU Church West**

**Wednesday, Oct 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, OR Saturday, Oct 19, 9:30 – 11:30 am**

Free, open to the public, no registration required

Have you ever witnessed a situation of someone harassing another person because of their race, sex, religion, disability, age, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, assumed immigration status, or other reason? As a bystander in the situation did you want to respond but not know how to or were afraid to, or because our cultural norm is “don’t get involved”?

Have you been a victim of such harassment? As the victim did you wonder why no one looking on came to help or defend you? Did you feel violated by both the harasser and the bystanders?

Incidents of public hate and bullying are on the rise, partly because of the lack of interference or consequences, sends a message that this behavior is acceptable. So, it is important that we build self-confidence and learn ways to intervene safely for both ourselves and the person being harassed.

Bystander Intervention training is designed to help you learn and practice the skills to do so. The two-hour training will be offered at UUCW on Wednesday, October 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and repeated on Saturday, October 19 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Each session is free and open to the public so invite your friends. Sessions will be held in the Community Room.

Presented by trainers from SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Milwaukee, the workshop includes a learning segment of tips and strategies for intervention, how to overcome your fears and cultural norms, how to document the potential incidents of police violence, and knowing your rights as an intervener. This will be followed by scenarios/role-plays designed to help participants practice using the strategies to interrupt harassment in a variety of situations.

These sessions are co-sponsored by UUCW Social Action Council, Indivisible Tosa, and SURJ MKE. For more information, contact Ann Heidkamp at 414-771-8099 or heidkama.ah@gmail.com

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**Ceremony of Child Dedication**

**Sunday, November 10 – Register Now!**

Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new hope into the world. Our ceremony of Child Dedication, which will be held on **Sunday, November 10**, is an opportunity for our church community to bless the children or grandchildren who are new among us. It’s also one way we dedicate ourselves to aiding the families of our congregation’s children in their religious growth.

Children of all ages who are the children of church members are welcome to participate in this moving ceremony with their parents. Families often invite grandparents, godparents, and other significant people in the child’s life to church this day and are welcome to stand with the family during the ceremony.

To express interest in having a child dedicated on November 10, contact Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, no later than **October 31** via the church office.

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**Clear Your Mind Every Wednesday**

“Meditation is a process of lightening up, of trusting the basic goodness of what we have and who we are, and of realizing that any wisdom that exists, exists in what we already have.”

*Pema Chödrön, The Wisdom of No Escape: And the Path of Loving-Kindness*

The Morning Meditation Group meets every **Wednesday at 10:00 am**. All those wishing to experience meditating in a group are welcome. One can set their own length of time to meditate. In November, an Evening Meditation Group will be announced. Stay posted for details. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Klimowicz via the church office.

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**Enjoy Kaleidoscope At Tosa Market!**

UUCW’s wonderful worship band, Kaleidoscope will be performing for the last Saturday of the **Wauwatosa Farmers Market on October 12 from 8 am to noon**. Stop by to sing along, dance in the streets, pick up fresh fruit and veggies and enjoy some great tunes. Show your UUCW pride by wearing a UUCW "Come As You Are, Leave Inspired!" t-shirt.
Living your Values - Supporting Renewable Energy

Wish you could go solar but can’t figure out how? Arcadia Power might have the answer you are looking for.

**Solar Option:** If you are a WE Energies customer you can join a Community Solar program through Arcadia Power which allows you to access the benefits of solar power without installing panels on your own roof. Arcadia Power lets buy one or more solar panels on a remote solar project and begin receiving a monthly credit on your electric bill. Even if you move, your savings go with you.

**Wind Option:** Arcadia Power also allows you to support wind energy production at no cost if you match 50% of your energy usage with wind energy certificates. You can increase your impact and commit to matching 100% of your usage by paying an additional 1.5 cents/kWh.

**How it Works:** Your utility sends Arcadia Power your bill directly. Arcadia Power then sends a statement that includes this charge and details on your clean energy impact. You can even charge your Arcadia bill on a credit card, without a transaction fee, giving you the option to accrue points on your card.

Your customized dashboard allows you to keep an eye on your energy usage over time and track your clean energy impact. For more info, check out www.arcadiapower.com or contact Almuth Soffee via the church office.

DINNER FOR TWO anywhere IN THE WORLD

You Could Win Dinner for Two ANYWHERE in the World!

Imagine having dinner with your favorite companion in some fabulous place across the globe… Sounds wonderful, doesn’t it? You could fly to Paris, or Tahiti, or perhaps to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania… Maybe Stockholm is calling you, or the beautiful city of Cuzco, Peru…

And what if that marvelous trip with dinner for two could be had for a mere twenty dollars? It’s possible, right here at UUCW!

On December 1, we’ll launch our fabulous fund-raising raffle, Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World! Tickets will be $20 apiece — and the winner will be drawn in early January. Watch for more details soon in the weekly e-news and your Sunday announcements - but in the meantime, GET READY! Volunteers are needed to help our intrepid Stewardship Team with the raffle, and we’d love to hear your thoughts about where YOU would go if you won!

To offer your assistance with the Raffle, contact Church Administrator, Vicki Banville via the church office. If you have a great story — or photo — of yourself and a loved one having dinner somewhere special, contact Publications Coordinator, Kelly Bognar via the church office.

Food Pantry Collection Benefits South Side Trailer Court Residents

Many of you may have read Matthew Desmond’s book *Evicted* or have seen the presentation on "Evictions" on display in the Milwaukee area. The food collected this month will be taken to a trailer court like those in Desmond’s book. Trailer court residents who are behind on rent are often evicted with their items put at the curb. Many renters choose between paying rent or buying food.

Please be as generous as you can with non-perishable items. Sue and Ron Schalig have once again offered their van to deliver the collected food. The residents are most grateful! (A small amount of leftover Halloween candy would be a special treat.) The $100 pantry donation check will be used to purchase food. Please call Ellen via the church office, for details. Thank you! Ellen Newbauer and Melanie Weston, Co-chairs.

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 with any questions.
UUA Meets Financial Goal for The Promise and The Practice Campaign

Work on Dismantling White Supremacy Culture Continues

Thanks to the generosity of over 600 UU congregations, including UUCW, and well over 1200 individual donors, the UUA announced in June, 2019 that it had fulfilled its commitment to raise $5.3 million through The Promise and the Practice campaign in support of the long term growth and justice work of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU).

UUCW did its part. The UUA challenged each congregation to pledge $10 per member to this important work. For UUCW this meant $4000. With member contributions through Split the Plate, a contribution from the Social Action Endowment Fund and a personal contribution from Rev. Suzelle Lynch, UUCW met our goal in time to qualify for a matching $4000 contribution from the Veatch Fund, a large UU Endowment Program of the Shelter Rock, New York UU Congregation.

BLUU is committed to:

- Expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- Providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists
- Justice-making and liberation in the wider world through our faith

But the UUA commitment to BLUU goes beyond the financial. It is also a commitment to honestly examine the history and current reality of white supremacy culture in Unitarian Universalism and how they impact UUs of color. The goal is to dismantle that white supremacy culture so that UU operating practices and personal behavior — at the national and the congregational levels — truly reflect a beloved community with equity and inclusion for all.

UUCW is actively engaged in this work through worship services, congregational educational programs, and work with the Board and committees to review and revise policies and practices using a lens of equity. If you are interested in learning more about this work or want to participate, please contact Ann Heidkamp, Social Action Council chair via the church office.

Racial Wealth and Income Gap Workshop Held on October 19

The median wealth gap between Black and white families in the United States is both significant and growing. In 2016, white families had 10 times the wealth of Black families. This massive difference in wealth is no accident. Instead, it was created and has been sustained by generations of racist federal policies.

In the Racial Wealth and Income Gap workshop, participants engage with 12 different federal policies, implemented throughout our nation’s history, which led to the intentional divestment of the Black community and provided the structure for what we understand as white privilege today. The workshop dispels claims of America’s meritocracy as well as popular “bootstrap” narratives by providing participants with an opportunity to examine the institutional and political realities of racism.

Created by Network, the Catholic Social Justice Lobby, the workshop combines an informational presentation, interactive simulation, individual reflections, and group discussion to educate participants about the origins of our nation’s racial wealth and income gap. It’s designed similar to a “monopoly” game.

Racial Wealth and Income Gap Workshop
Saturday, October 19

9:00 am - Gathering
9:30 am - Workshop
11:00 am - Closing
Notre Dame of Elm Grove
13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove

To register or more information, contact Barbara Pfarr via the church office. Go to http://bit.ly/INCOME GAP for a poster to print or share with interested friends.

Meet Gen UU at Harvest Fest

Join Gen UU for the Enderis Park Neighborhood Harvest Fest, 2965 N 72nd St., Milwaukee, on Sunday, October 20 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Build the community of young adult (18-35-year-olds) at UUCW by coming together for camaraderie and socializing. To RSVP or for more information, contact Chelsey Nisbet 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**.

WISDOM Offers New Project: Supporters of Incarcerated People

WISDOM has launched a new project, “Supporters of Incarcerated People” (SIP). Family members and loved ones of people in jail or prison gathered in Stevens Point to create a group of their own. SIP exists to provide mutual support and information among people who are working to cope with the challenges of providing loving support to an incarcerated person. SIP will also bring their voices together for advocacy, to have a real impact on the criminal justice system.

At their initial meeting in September they agreed on three initial priorities:

1) To provide mutual support;
2) To be a voice of family and loved ones on issues that affect them such as phone calls, visiting hours, sending money and gifts, etc.;
3) To create a process for channeling complaints to the Department of Corrections.

The invitation to join SIP is to anyone who cares about somebody in prison. Contact the WISDOM office, wisdomforjustice@gmail.com, to get connected. For more information, contact Barbara Pfarr via the church office.

Autumn Handbell and Brass Concert
Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a fall concert featuring Windy Hill Brass directed by Dr. Craig Hurst and Windy Hill Handbell Choir directed by Dr. Nancy Van Brunt.

The handbells will be playing a set of pieces influenced by French compositional style, and a set of pieces that reflect the season of Thanksgiving (including one in a Caribbean style!). The brass selections will include a suite of songs from Kurt Weill’s "The Threepenny Opera", and arrangements of Erik Satie’s "Gymnopedie" and Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust".

For more information about this musical performance, contact Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director, via the church office.

Fall Song Circle
Friday, October 18, 7:00-8:30 pm

"We are a gentle, loving people...and we are singing, singing for our lives...”

Let’s celebrate the beautiful fall season with songs!

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 share 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!
**MICAH Offers Leadership Training for Community Transformation**

*When:* Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

*Where:* All People’s Church, 2600 N. 20th St., Milwaukee

*What:* An interactive, community-building leadership development series; The basic concepts, attitudes, and disciplines needed to build strong, effective organizations capable of making real change.

*Who:* Members of MICAH, people interested in MICAH; People who are new to organizing, people with experience looking for a refresher, and new energy, people who are curious about organizing.

*How:* RSVP to MICAH, 414-264-0805 or lisa@micahmke.org

There is no cost, but we ask people to sign up only if they anticipate that they can participate in at least three of the four sessions. Themes to be discussed:

- **October 10:** Attitudes and Disciplines of Organizing Power
- **October 17:** One-on-Ones
- **October 24:** MICAH Annual Public Meeting
- **October 31:** Building Teams and recruiting new leaders
- **November 7:** Issues, Actions, and Campaigns


**Global Warming Presentation**

*How America can reduce carbon pollution.*

Join Earth Ministry on **Sunday, October 13 at 11:30 am** to hear details about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763), a practical solution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Democrats and Republicans are on board, cosponsoring this bill together. Americans support Congress taking action on climate change, including more than half of Republicans. Solving climate change is too urgent to get caught up in partisan politics.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is a policy designed to drive down America’s carbon pollution while unleashing American technology innovation and ingenuity. Citizen’s Climate Lobby (CCL) supports this policy because it is effective, good for people, good for the economy, bipartisan and revenue-neutral. Presenters Phil Smith and Mike Jury, Environmental Engineers and members of CCL will follow up with a question and answer session.

For more information, please contact Almuth Soffee via the church office.

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**Healing After Loss Group Provides Opportunity to Share at a New Time**

**Wednesday, October 16, 1:00-3:00 pm**

This 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 **1:00 – 3:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month through May.** We look forward to talking to you and seeing you in this fall. 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.

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**Men's Breakfast Group**

The next meeting of the Men’s Breakfast Group will be on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:45 am at Bakers Square at 15300 Bluemound Road, Elm Grove.** Come again, or for the first time on the second Tuesday of every month, for conversations on current events, philosophy, movies, vacations, seminal books, new knowledge, current UUCW developments, in a small group, usually 6-10.

For more information, contact facilitator Jerry Kashmerick via the church office.

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**DUUversity Theatre Offers a Comedy This Month**

For a change of pace, the next play selected for the DUUversity Theatre group is the female-powered comedy set during the French Revolution. This grand comic adventure is about art and activism, compatriots and chosen sisters and how women will actually go about changing the world.

**The Revolutionists** by Lauren Gunderson

**October 13 – 2:00 pm**

Next Act Theatre, 255 South Water St.

Buy your tickets at 414-278-0765 or [www.nextact.org](http://www.nextact.org)

Contact Kristin Fewel via the office to be part of the after-play discussion and dinner at a local restaurant. If you are interested in attending other performances, pick up the DUUversity Theatre Group brochure on the table in the Community Room or go to [http://bit.ly/DUUversity19-20](http://bit.ly/DUUversity19-20).
The Great Books Group Explores Michelangelo’s Life

Great Books is discussing *The Agony and the Ecstasy* by Irving Stone on **Monday, October 14 at 10:00 am.** Published in 1961, the author traces Michelangelo’s life from the time he was 13 until his death at age 88, detailing the complexity of both the man and his work.

Looking ahead, Great Books will be discussing *The Library Book* by Susan Orleans on Monday, November 11.

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

Women’s Book Group Discusses Bestseller

In October, the group will be reading *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. The book is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor Lale Sokolov, who was forced to tattoo thousands of prisoners at the camp who were not going to the gas chambers. Although Sokolov witnessed terrible things, he also saw many acts of heroism. Please join us on **Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm.**

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

Writing Circle Returns in October

UUCW’s Writing Circle will return in October with meetings on the **first and third Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:45, October 16, 2019, through May 20, 2020.**

Gather in an intimate writing circle to give voice to written words and to honor the words of others. Poetry, journal, fiction, or memoir writers, beginning to experienced, are welcome. We provide a safe, non-competitive environment to write, strengthen our voices, and cultivate our creativity. As we share, we build connection and community. We follow the model Mary Pierce Brosmer developed for her organization Woman Writing for (a) Change.

If you have any questions or wish to participate, contact Helen Ambuel via the church office.

Build 2020 Update

Below is an estimated work schedule for October. Please remember that construction schedules are always subject to change.

**Main Level**
- Main and upper level offices and classrooms painted, new carpet installed, and new ceilings installed.
- Restroom finishes being completed including new fixtures, tile, lighting, ceiling, and partitions.
- Ceilings installed
- Cutting opening in the floor for the shaft to be built
- Elevator shaft to be built

**Roof**
- Rooftop HVAC moved to allow for the elevator shaft to extend above the roof

**Mechanicals and Electrical**
- Breaker box upgrade to the building
- Rough-in for mechanical, electrical, & plumbing continues
- Demo completed on the existing air handler unit and installation of the new air handler unit

**Bathroom Update**

- **All main level restrooms are currently closed.** We apologize for this major inconvenience.
- **If you are able to manage stairs,** please use the bathrooms on the lower level near the West Entrance (blue stairs).
- **If you are unable to use stairs,** porta potty units are available just outside the East Doors, including one with accessibility for persons with mobility disabilities.
- **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) and two are in the Lower Level restrooms (down the West Stairs/blue stairs).

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.
Help Keep UU Church West Looking Beautiful

Help care for the church property and socialize with fellow church members. More Hands Mean Less Work! On **Saturday, November 2 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm** join other members prepare the church property for the winter season. Volunteer for an hour or five hours, whatever fits into your day!

Tasks include racking, cutting back plants, weeding, and picking up sticks. Tools are available, but anyone is welcome to bring their own. Tools needed may include work gloves, rakes, shovels, wheel barrels, pruning shears, and leaf blowers. Indoor work is available for anyone interested. Children ages 7-and-up are invited to work alongside their family.

A chili lunch will be around noon. If you can’t help with the workday, consider providing something to feed the hard-working crew. Questions? Contact Vicki Banville via the church office.