

**Sunday, March 1, 2020 — 10 am**  
**The Rev. Suzelle Lynch**

**"Sisters Are Doing It for Themselves!"**

March is Women's History Month, and we're taking time to celebrate some amazing UU women who have influenced our world for the better. Not all of them were saints, of course. Not all of them are well-known. ***Our explorations will be accompanied by dazzling music from the Kaleidoscope Worship Band.***

**Sunday, March 8, 2020 — 10 am**  
**The Rev. Suzelle Lynch**

**"What Makes Wise Persons Wise?"**

Wisdom. It's one of the great concepts of being human, though it's not really something we can ever really strive to be, like we might strive to be kind, or mindful. Someone might compliment us by calling us wise, but to claim it for ourselves feels too arrogant! So just what is it that makes wise persons wise? It's New Member Sunday - a time to recognize those who have recently joined the congregation! ***We enjoy music from our wonderful Adult Choir today.***

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 — 10 am**  
**Pulpit Guest: Taizan Alford**

**"The Wisdom of Loving Kindness"**  
**Worship Leader: Eileen Gleeson**

Taizan Alford is a Soto Zen Priest and singer-songwriter and a longtime member of the Fox Valley UU Fellowship in Appleton. He is delighted to be with us to share insights, songs, and stories that bridge the gap between real life and the theory in Buddhist practice. ***Music today from Jazz Pianist Dan Dance.***

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 — 10 am**  
**The Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Jen Nicolosi, Lead Music Director and Ruben Piirainen, Music Director and the Adult and Multigenerational Choirs; Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education and YRUU High School Group.**

**"Spring SONGFEST Multigenerational Celebration"**

Celebrate Spring with us in a marvelously musical manner! When the trees are budding and the birds are singing, our hearts lift with the wisdom of the turning earth and the renewal of life. ***All ages worship together today and our Child Dedication Ceremony will be part of the service.***

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 — 10 am**  
**The Rev. Suzelle Lynch and Chelsey Nisbet, MSW**

**"The Wisdom in Every BODY"**

Body size is the one type of diversity we never talk about. There are relentless stereotypes and stigma, around body size, and they impact every one of us. Let's talk about body acceptance today, body-positivity, and the theological roots of some of our prejudice and discrimination with an aim towards a greater respect for the inherent worth and dignity of EveryBODY's wisdom. Rev. Suzelle is joined in the pulpit today by UUCW member Chelsey Nisbet. We will also honor Trans Day of Visibility during the service. ***Music today from UUCW Youth Spencer Harris.***



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- A MESSAGE FROM REV. SUZELLE LYNCH -

I want to tell you something funny about trying to write about Wisdom.

(I've been trying to do just that because "A People of Wisdom" is our March Soul Matters theme!)

Here's what I've discovered...

In trying to write about wisdom, all I could come up with was the most trite stuff ever! Schmaltzy, sentimental... And I think it's because, for me, writing about Wisdom (with-a-capital-W) meant striving to be Wise. And being wise isn't something we can learn from a book, or effort our way into.

Wisdom is not the same as knowledge, nor is it a prize we win, like getting good grades in school. It's not the same as being clever, either (though some of us, I know, are definite wisecrackers!)

Wisdom, my friends, just kind of sneaks up on us. Some say it's a function of time and experience – but just living longer doesn't guarantee it.

So here are the non-trite things I can say about wisdom. Wise persons get more out of failing than they do from succeeding. They talk less and listen more than do un-wise persons.

Though they know a lot and have experienced much, wise folks continue to doubt themselves – they don't believe they are always right. And the truly wise remind us that arrogance and wisdom cannot coexist in one person.

In fact, a wise person once said, "Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom." (Dr. Theodore Isaac Rubin) He's correct -- wisdom, and the life quest that lays the path toward it, helps us cultivate compassion and kindness.

You would think that silliness or foolishness would be the opposite of wisdom, but according to June McDaniel and Georg Feuerstein and other scholars of religion, there's even a kind of crazy wisdom! Called divine madness or holy foolishness, it's a kind of outrageous behavior enacted in the service of enlightenment. For example, the 6th-century saint, Simeon, was known to walk through town dragging a dead dog roped to his leg. People were shocked, but for Simeon, the dead dog represented the baggage people were carrying in their spiritual lives. The 9th century Zen poet Han-shan was another crazy-wise man. When asked about Zen, Han-shan would only laugh hysterically by way of answer.

Ultimately, wisdom is paradoxical. It's a seed within each of us, but none of us knows exactly how or when it will take root and sprout. And when it blooms, it may not be what we expect!

Let's enjoy exploring Wisdom together this month!

Blessings to you,

*Suzelle*

The Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Minister



## Taking a Leap!

**Scott Shulick**

### UUCW Board of Trustees President

The end of February brings a special occasion taking place on a special day. This year is Leap Year and on Leap Day, we will be kicking off our Annual Pledge Drive. I hope you'll be able to join us on February 29 from 6 to 8 pm for some fellowship and fun, and to pledge your commitment to UUCW.

**Taking a Leap!** This year's pledge drive theme is "LEAP!" While there's some obvious connections to frogs and the fact 2020 is a leap year, having a theme of LEAP asks us to reflect upon the year and also to look the future. What types of leaps have you made in your life? Has your heart leapt? Has your mind leapt? What inspired those leaps in the first place? What leaps await you in 2020 and beyond?

This year has been full of leaps. In June, I assumed the role of Board President here at UUCW – a big leap forward in my commitment to the church. Together we took the leap to "break ground" on our building renovations, seek out a buyer for our east property and shift as a congregation celebrating at one service on Sundays. On the personal side, I sent my oldest son away to college last fall. We both leaped, probably him more than I.

As I look at where I stand and to what's ahead, I'm considering what type of leap I can take with my pledge drive giving. I hope you are as well. I hope you take a leap with me and give even more generously to support UUCW this year.

Thank you and as always, please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have.

I hope to see you all on February 29th!

Blessings,

Scott



## Did You Know? You Can Attend Board Meetings!

Have you ever wondered how your elected UUCW Board of Trustees conducts its business? Well, it's easy to find out. Simply attend and observe a Board meeting.

The Board generally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm (though the meetings are occasionally moved due to holidays). They are open to all members and friends of the congregation, and the Board agenda is sent out via our Mem2mem listserv in advance.

Early in the agenda, there is always an item titled, "Open Member Input." This is a time when members who have come to observe the Board meeting may speak to the Board for a few minutes about church-related ideas or issues. The Board does not discuss these ideas or add them to the current Board Agenda (except in rare cases) but they may take them up at a future Board meeting.

So please consider yourself cordially invited to the next Board meeting. If you have further questions, please contact President Scott Shulick via the church office.



## Ceremony of Child Dedication to Be Held Sunday, March 22

Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new hope into the world. Our ceremony of Child Dedication, which will be held during the **March 22nd service**, is an opportunity for our church community to bless the children who are new among us. It's also one way we dedicate ourselves to aiding their families in the children's nurture and religious growth. Child Dedication honors the truth that each child's life is sacred.

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 your interest in having a child dedicated on March 22nd, please contact Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, via the church office no later than Sunday, March 8.

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## LEAP! Make Your Pledge of Financial Support Today!

UUCW is a bold, warm, justice-seeking, spiritually nourishing community just leaping with amazing adults, teens, and children!

Thanks for all you do to make it so: your gifts of time, energy, ideas, and money are the lifeblood of the community.

It's now time to commit your financial support for UUCW for the 2020-21 fiscal year. LEAP! Our Annual Pledge Drive, began on Leap Day, February 29, with a modest goal of \$442,000.00.

### **Before you Pledge – Some things to consider:**

- At a time when a polarized, hurting world needs us more than ever – giving to UUCW matters. Your money extends hope, inspiration, challenge, and support to the broad circle of our members and far beyond.
- The amount you pledge is up to you. We invite you to commit to an amount that reflects your deepest aspirations for yourself and for UUCW. Every gift counts! And, to meet the budget this year we ask you to increase your giving by at least 3%.
- As longtime members reach retirement or move away to live closer to grandchildren, a “giving gap” has emerged that we need our current members and friends to fill. Ask yourself: Can I make a Generosity Leap as these founders and church-builders did?

### **Make Your Pledge Today – Five Easy Options**

1. Complete a Pledge Form at church on March Sundays.
2. **Make your pledge online.** Go to [www.uucw.org](http://www.uucw.org) and click on Realm Login (it's on the red bar at the top of the page). Enter your pledge in the Donate section. You can also set up your one-time or recurring gift amount for Operating Budget 2020-21.
3. **Postal-mail the personalized pledge form sent to you in February to the church office** (or send a mailed note with the amount you'd like to pledge) to UUCW, 13001 W. North Ave., Brookfield, WI 53005
4. **Call or e-mail the UUCW office with your pledge.** Mamie Garner, Administrative Assistant, can be reached at 262-782-3535x1000 or [uucw@uucw.org](mailto:uucw@uucw.org). She would be happy to help you make your Pledge.

5. **If you currently use our "auto-pay" system** (pledge deducted directly from your checking or savings account) let us know via phone, email, or postal mail, what pledge amount you'd like to give for the year beginning May 1.

UUCW is a place to be ourselves and find kindred souls. UUCW reminds us that joy is our journey, guided by our UU values of compassion and generosity. UUCW means children and teens are nurtured in progressive religious values — and we are all given tools to live our faith. At UUCW, we join forces to fight racism and oppression and build a better world.

**Thanks for all you give.** And if you have pledging questions, please contact the UUCW Stewardship Team via Chair, Leslie Peterson at [lkpete@att.net](mailto:lkpete@att.net) or 414-475-6894 or Vicki Banville, Church Administrator, via the church office.



## UUCW Welcomes New Members and Celebrates March Anniversaries

A few times each year UUCW welcomes new members to the congregation. Join us for **New Member Sunday on March 8**. It will be a celebration of the decision our newest members have made to join our community. Our new members include: Jim Maletta, Jess and Hannah Lebron, Emily Achor, Lynn Beaudoin, Sherri Melotik, Holly and Nicole Dalsing.

If you joined recently and were unable to participate in the previous New Member Sunday, please contact Community Builder Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.

And, congratulations to Members celebrating these March membership anniversaries:

**1 year:** Alyson Moeller, Derek Smith, Neal Styka, Joanne Kopischke, Scott Kopischke, Mary Ross, Susan Goldsmith, and Chelsey Nisbet.

**2 year:** Judi Traband

**5 year:** Meggen Kaufman, Patrick Kaufman, Dane Sandersen, Kristin Sandersen, and Rebecca Nowacek

**10 year:** Carolyn Lawrence



## The “Global Ends” of UUCW – What Are They?

Global Ends are statements that describe broad goals or visions -- they are affirmations that tell us the kind of church we aspire to be and are in the process of becoming.

Our Global Ends (and the summary statement that precedes them) were finalized by the Board of Trustees in 2011.

They were crafted to cut across program areas (worship, religious education, social action, pastoral care, stewardship, etc.) as a way to expand our ideas about collaboration and innovation as we “do church” as a congregation. The Global Ends also served as the organizing structure for our Vision 2020 Long Range Plan as well, which means they guide (formally and informally) our Board of Trustees, staff, and lay leaders in all their work, whether it is programmatic, administrative, or financial.

Take a look at the Global Ends below, and consider how the groups, programs, or committees you participate in help UUCW meet these goals.

**Summary Statement:** Come as you are – leave inspired! At UUCW we welcome you into a caring spiritual community where you are free to seek your own truth. Together we grow through uplifting worship, learn from many kinds of wisdom, and work to build a better world. Join us!

### Global Ends for an Inspiring Church

**Caring Community** We experience warmth, hospitality, welcome and support. Our religious community fosters meaningful and respectful relationships among people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Our welcome reaches beyond the congregation to include people from all walks of life.

**Uplifting Worship** We connect with a larger meaning and purpose in our worship services. Our worship life is diverse, joyful, multigenerational, and personal; it involves our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies, and inspires us to reach for our best selves.

**Building a Better World** We work actively to eliminate oppression and create a sustainable, just, peaceful and compassionate world in partnership with other organizations and congregations, as well as among ourselves.

Our worship, spiritual life, and caring community encourage and equip us to do this work. We share the good news of our faith and promote Unitarian Universalism in our wider community.

**Growing Spiritually From Many Kinds of Wisdom** We are encouraged to seek our own spiritual truths. Our lives are enriched by learning our Unitarian Universalist faith and practices. We grow by sharing ideas from wisdom both sacred and secular.

**Sharing Ministry** We embrace an ethic of service through our shared ministry. We joyfully answer the call to minister to one another and the world, and we engage in shared leadership of our congregation.

**Embracing Responsible Stewardship** We share our time, talents, and money generously to care for our church and its staff and facilities and for causes beyond our congregation that help us live our values.

If you have questions about the Global Ends, please contact President Scott Shulick, [board@uucw.org](mailto:board@uucw.org) or Rev. Suzelle Lynch via the church office.



## 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 a 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 or call Rev. Suzelle Lynch via the church office. All inquiries will be handled confidentially.

## RE-flections

**Dave Cicero**

**Director of Lifespan Religious Education**

This month's Soul Matters theme is Wisdom, so you can expect to hear sage stories inspired by sources of our living Unitarian Universalist tradition, old and new. And on March 22, we commit ourselves to the wisdom and hope embodied in the youngest in our community in our Child Dedication ceremony. This will be held during the regular worship service, which also happens to be our multi-generational Spring Songfest service. I encourage all children and youth to get involved, as regular RE classes will not be held that morning.

**Religious Education (RE)** Children's classes on Sunday morning continue to inform and engage students and our fabulous volunteer teachers alike. This month our youngest learn about personal feelings and cooperative play, along with the many kinds of loving family units.

Students learning about other religions this year explore the wisdom found in Islamic, Christian and Humanist beliefs during March. The Neighboring Faiths class will also meet some of their peers at First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee – a trip that needed to be rescheduled due to weather events in January.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL)** continues this month with a committed group of youth and adult facilitators. Anticipation is also mounting for our high school YRUU students expecting to immerse themselves in their UU heritage in Boston this June. Please support their upcoming fundraising efforts as you are able. These youth and their advisers are working hard to make sure this opportunity is available to all who want it.

**Adult RE** The Tuesday evening Intro to Meditation class continues with Joseph Knasinski facilitating from 6-7:15 pm. Students are learning rationale and techniques of effective meditation practices, and you are welcome to join in. A series of Spirituality in Art workshops is still being planned and ought to appear now in April.

**Regional Assembly** I invite adult and youth leaders to attend, with me, the MidAmerica Region's General Assembly (RA) at the UU Church of Rockford, IL on Saturday, April 18. This multigenerational day-long conference will include a keynote address, a business meeting and a selection of workshops to choose from. For more information, see [www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020](http://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020).

**Registration forms are due by March 12.** Please contact me for sponsorship (if a youth) and/or carpooling options.



**Art Task Force** A group of UUCW members and staff is deliberating on how best to re-install, post-Build 2020 renovation, the church's collection of visual art and informational graphics, etc. into our shared space. The Board of Trustees has charged this group to make their recommendations with UUCW's mission, global ends, and commitment to anti-racism/oppression at the center of their deliberations. As a reporting member of this task force, I will provide updates to the congregation about the group's work as information is available.

Contact Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, via the church office.



## Midwest Leadership School is Waiting for You –

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow as a Unitarian Universalist and as a leader? Are you looking for insight into your spiritual path? Then consider attending the UUA's Midwest Leadership School this summer July 12-18 at Illinois Wesleyan College in Bloomington, Illinois. One week at MWLS during your summer could transform your life! You can learn more about MWLS at <https://mwls.org> If you are interested, please contact Karen Engelking via the church office.



## It's Time to Nominate Church Members for the 2019-2020 Trustee Awards!

"Wow, that person should get an award!" How often have you said that about an amazing person at UUCW who is deeply involved at the church? You're right, and you can make it happen! Three Annual Awards will be given to members who took action exhibiting excellence, initiative, and commitment or who enhanced the life of the congregation, or who represented our congregation in the community in a manner that had definable outcomes. A Long-Term Service Award goes to one individual who has exhibited commitment over time to a service or project or contributed to multiple activities or projects.

**To nominate someone:** Submit the name and up to 75 words describing what was done to merit the award to [board@uucw.org](mailto:board@uucw.org) by April 12th. Award winners will be announced at the UUCW Annual Meeting in June. Questions? Contact Pam Beattie or Stephanie Wahlen via the church office.



## Build 2020 – The End is HERE! Vicki Banville, Church Administrator

The project's end is finally here!

### Here's what was completed the past few weeks:

1. The elevator passed the final inspection and is not in operation.
2. A temporary railing was installed on the new ramp in the lower level. The permanent railing has been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.
3. The exterior doors at the main west entrance and the exterior doors at the top of the ramp in the lower level near the Gathering Area are installed to completion.
4. The elevator foyer on the main level was finished with new flooring, ceiling, and paint.
5. The elevator foyer on the lower level was finished with new flooring, ceiling, and paint.
6. The hallway on the lower level with the new ramp was finished with new flooring and paint.
7. Controls for the new main HVAC system were passed over to UUCW.
8. Final inspection completed by Brookfield was passed.

### Tasks yet to complete over the next two weeks include:

1. Permanent railing on new ramp in lower level will be installed in the next few weeks.
2. Final cleaning and touch-ups will be completed around the building.
3. Clean-up of the church and construction material in and around the building.

If you have 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.

## Coffee, Eggs, Toast, & Conversation



Join the Men's Breakfast Group for its next meeting on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:45 am at Bakers Square at 15300 Bluemound Road, Elm Grove**. Come again, or for the first time, for conversations on current events, philosophy, movies, vacations, seminal books, new knowledge, current UUCW information, contact facilitator Jerry Kashmerick, via the church office.



## The Spring Songfest Needs Singers of All Ages!

Join us **Sunday, March 22**, for the Spring Songfest! Our theme is "Musical Wisdom from Many Cultures." The service will feature the adult choir, a multigenerational choir, and soloists. If you are interested in singing with the multigenerational choir or would like more information, please contact Lead Music Director Jennifer Nicolosi via the church office.

Rehearsals for the multigenerational choir will be Sunday, March 8 after service, Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 -7:15 pm, and Tuesday, March 17, from 6:00 - 6:45 pm.



## Song Circle for Spring Equinox Friday, March 20, 7- 8:30 pm

Our Song Circle gathering will celebrate Spring Equinox! Let's share songs of "equality", balance, and springtime. Singing is good for your brain, and it's a fun social time, too! Our gatherings are usually held on the third Friday of each month, so mark your calendars.

We enjoy using our copies of the book Rise Up Singing, 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, 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. Hope to see you there!



## Nominating Committee Seeks Additional Candidate

Do you appreciate all that UUCW brings to your life? Are you looking for a way to give back? The Nominating Committee is looking for one more candidate to serve a term on the Board of Trustees. We value new ideas. Having chaired or facilitated other committees is not a prerequisite. Caring for UUCW is. Please contact Vicki Brzeski, Nominating Committee Chair via the church office if you are interested in providing this important service to our congregation.



## Sessions on End-of-Life Issues Continue Thru May

Planning in advance for how you'd like medical, legal, financial, and spiritual decisions to be handled at the end of your life is a gift to yourself and your loved ones. In this multi-session offering from the Lay Pastoral Care Team, local experts will provide information and answer your questions. Each session takes place on a **Sunday afternoon from noon to 1:30 pm**; register for any or all of them by going to <http://bit.ly/EndofLifeSessions> If you have any questions, send inquires to the church office.

**Sunday, March 22 – Wills, Estates, and Trusts** – Presenter to be determined

This session will provide basic information on estate planning, use of wills and different types of trusts (revocable and irrevocable), probate v. non-probate assets, gifting, & tax considerations.

**Sunday, April 5 – Planning Your Funeral or Memorial Service** – Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Planning a service to remember a loved one — or your own memorial service — is an act of love. We will walk through the details of planning a service and receive resources and ideas to help us and our families. Choices about cremation and burial will also be discussed.

**Sunday, May 3 – Embracing the End of Life** – Rev. Suzelle and Hospice Presenter

Can we embrace the end of life with courage and honesty? What we need to know about hospice care and other compassionate choices around dying.



## Healing After Loss Group Provides Support for Each Other

The Healing after Loss is a confidential group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one at any time. You can come to share or just listen. We welcome you. We meet the **third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on March 18 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm**. If you'd like a beverage, please bring your own. Any questions please contact Charlene Carter or Susan Foley at via the church office.



## Great Books Discusses Mythological Novel *Circe*

Great Books is discussing *Circe*, a novel by Madeline Miller on **Monday, March 9 at 10:00 am**. In *Circe: A Novel* the author, inspired by Homer's *Odyssey*, retells the story of the mythological witch Circe from Circe's point of view.

Looking ahead, Great Books will be discussing *The Boy Who Runs: The Odyssey of Julius Achon* by John Brant on **Monday, April 13**. If you have any questions, please contact co-facilitator Joyce Prewitt or Kit Hansen via the church office.



## Women's Book Group Discusses *Station Eleven*

*Station Eleven*, by Emily St. John Mandel is our book choice for March. This science fiction tale begins with the sudden death of an actor, followed shortly by a global epidemic which wipes out most of humanity and, years later, survival in a world in which civilization has collapsed.

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm**. Questions? Contact Kathy Schwei or Marilyn Swanson via the church office.



## Join Fellow UUs at Summer Camp June 28 - July 4

Consider joining fellow UUs this summer in the Missouri Ozarks at the annual Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA). The weeklong camp offers many workshops and activities for families, couples and singles of all ages. Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout will lead the daily Morning Celebration service on this year's theme: "To Breathe on Purpose." Come gather with hundreds of other UUs in the beautiful forests and rolling hills of the Missouri Ozarks at YMCA Trout Lodge, where you can connect with old friends, make new ones and participate in a wide variety of activities. Get all the details at [muusa.org](http://muusa.org).

It's going to be a fun week. Ask Joyce Cable about it! She and her family have enjoyed this camp for over 25 years. For more info, go to [muusa.org](http://muusa.org) or contact Joyce Cable via the church office.



## Wisdom & Whimsy Group Shares Life-Changing Experiences

Wisdom and Whimsy is a monthly group for people over the age of 50 to share, laugh, enjoy and maybe even learn from the wisdom of others. We welcome everyone!

If this is your first time or your fiftieth, please join us on **Wednesday, March 11** for this group. If you'd like to bring your lunch and a beverage, please do so. Our topic this month will be life-changing experiences. Bring one or several to share with the group. Or just come and listen!

Questions? Contact Susan Foley or Kathy Allison via the church office.



## DUUiversity Theatre Attends 9 Circles

Accused of an unspeakable war crime in Iraq, an American soldier must discover his path to the truth as he finds that duty, war, and justice are on a collision course.

**9 Circles by Bill Cain**

**Sunday, April 5 – 2:00 pm**

**Next Act** – 255 South Water Street

For tickets: 414-278-0765 [www.nextact.org](http://www.nextact.org)

Buy your own tickets then contact Kristin Fewel via the church office to join the group for dinner and conversation.

For additional performances, see the full schedule at <http://bit.ly/DUUiversity19-20>



## Gen UU is Back!

After a hiatus, Gen UU is back with an exciting gathering to put on the calendar!

**WHAT:** A friendly group of young adult (18-35 years old) UUs who come together for camaraderie and socializing.

**WHERE:** Hangout MKE Cafe & Lounge

1819 N. Farwell Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53202

<https://hangoutmke.com/>

**WHEN: Tuesday, March 3 between 5:30 pm - 8 pm**

Stay tuned for details on an upcoming collaboration between Gen UU and the Social Action Council. Contact Chelsey Nisbet via the church office.



## March Split the Plate Supports the Tall Pines Conservancy

*Split the Plate is one of UUCW's programs of outreach and generosity. Each month we give half of all undesignated offering monies to a non-profit organization as a way to help us live our Unitarian Universalist values and serve our community.*

For March, our Split the Plate partner organization is Tall Pines Conservancy. Tall Pines is a nationally accredited non-profit Land Trust whose mission is “to preserve our rural heritage by protecting remaining farmland, water resources, and natural areas and open spaces adjacent to and impacting Northwestern Waukesha County.” Tall Pines Conservancy has preserved nearly 1500 acres of prime farmland and open space in Waukesha County and is well on its way to protecting 1000 more acres in 2020. They actively seek to engage the community by running educational programs and events on conservation topics and land preservation techniques. And, through a strategic partnership with the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program, they assist farmers and other landowners to implement sustainable land management practices to reduce phosphorus levels in our rivers, lakes, and streams.

For more information, go to

<http://tallpinesconservancy.org> or Contact the Split the Plate member working with Tall Pines Conservancy is Lisa Larson, via the church office.



## That's Entertainment! A Donation Rotation for All Ages

Join us on **Sunday, March 8** for the Books and Entertainment Donation Rotation. We will be accepting adult and children books and movies, CDs, tapes, VCRs and DVDs. Tables in the community room will be set up before Sunday service to receive your donations. You're welcome to browse after the service and find a treasure.

This month, Joyce Cable suggested the leftover books be donated to “Wisconsin Books to Prisoners.” The Earth Ministry Team welcomes ideas for rotations and places for collection rotations to be donated. In hopes these rotations encourage you to let go of some dusty objects, dig deep in your consciousness, reduce and recycle and live more simply. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Klimowicz at via the church office.

## Join the 2020 River Cleanup with the Milwaukee Riverkeepers



Please reserve the date on your calendars! **Saturday, April 18th is the 2020 River Cleanup with the Milwaukee Riverkeepers!** Once a year for a few hours, the UUCW Earth Ministry Team hosts a site for the annual spring river cleanup. Many of our Members and Friends, along with hundreds of other volunteers, help clean up around the rivers of greater Milwaukee.

If you and your family and friends are looking to make a real difference, join us on Saturday, April 18 at 9 am (come earlier for onsite registration) at the intersection of 51st and W. Parkway Dr., right along Lincoln Creek.

The Earth Ministry Team will be there with treats and sign-in sheets, garbage bags, and gloves. You should bring your reusable water bottle and dress for the weather (and your own gloves if you have them). Volunteers will meet at the footbridge **near N 54th St and W Lincoln Creek Dr** (approx. 5400 W Lincoln Creek Dr / Milwaukee 53218). Parking is available along W Parkway Dr.

As usual, RiverKeepers will be hosting a celebration after the cleanup with Rock the Green! Details TBD.

**River Cleanup Registration** All volunteers are required to register either online in advance, or in-person the day of the event. Follow the link below to register. If you know you are going to attend, it would be a benefit to RiverKeepers to register in advance so they can predict how many supplies to provide for our group.

If you are under the age of 18, your guardian must sign our <http://bit.ly/RiverKeeperWaiver> Minors must bring this signed waiver or have a guardian present to sign the waiver at the Spring Cleanup.

To sign-up, go to <http://bit.ly/RiverSignUp> For more information, contact Kurt Gaetano via the church office.

## Q Youth Club



Join the Q Youth Club on **Friday, March 13 from 6 - 8:00 pm**. Q Youth Group is a social group for LGBTQIA+ youth ages 13-18 and provides facilitated support and social opportunities for youth. The group creates a safe space where youth can hang out with other LGBTQIA+ teens and meet people in a respectful environment! For more info, contact Brianna Laux Kocis via the church office.

## Earth Ministry Tips for March



**Use cloth napkins instead of paper.** It's great to switch to cloth napkins but how do I get them clean?

**Answer:** Stained white cotton napkins can be easily cleaned by soaking in the kitchen sink in very hot water with 1/4 to 1 cup of powdered Cascade dishwasher detergent. Even turmeric stains will disappear.

**Drive the speed limit.** How do I reduce my gas consumption and lower my carbon footprint?

**Answer:** Check with your automobile insurer. State Farm will give you a transponder to track your driving habits. They measure speed, acceleration, cornering, and braking. Not only can you reduce your carbon footprint, but you also will get up to a 30% rate reduction. There are no penalties with State Farm, though other companies may charge more if you drive too aggressively.

## UUCW Donations Support the Jewish Community Pantry



In March, we will collect food for the Jewish Community Pantry located at 2900 W Center St. The Jewish Community Pantry, an effort co-sponsored by the JCC and the Women's Philanthropy of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, provides emergency food to individuals and families in crisis throughout the greater Milwaukee community. Connecting clients to community resources, while increasing our community's awareness of hunger's impact and working to alleviate its impact, the Pantry is our Jewish communal response to hunger in Milwaukee.

The Jewish Community Pantry reflects their commitment to the values of Tzedakah (justice) and Tikkun Olam (repair the world) and to serving community members in need of Kavod (respect).

All types of food are welcome, especially cans of tuna and cooking oils. The pantry is trying to stay away from processed foods and desserts to promote a healthier diet for the neighborhood clients.

More information about this pantry can be seen at <http://bit.ly/JewishMKEpantry> Thank you! Ellen Newbauer and Melanie Weston, Co-chairs.

## Spring for Change: A Season of Deliberate Activism



From World Water Day (March 22) through International Day of Biodiversity (May 22) the Unitarian Universalist faith community is inviting all to embody the transformational, regenerative power of Spring through activism for Earth and all our relations.

In February, the Earth Ministry Team focused on personal actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint. UCW members completed a survey identifying the actions they are now taking and actions they promise to take. The Earth Ministry Team will graph the carbon savings achieved by the congregation.

In March, our focus will be community engagement. During March and April, we will deepen our recycling efforts beyond paper, plastic, and aluminum. We are participating in the **Milwaukee County Zoo’s “Gorillas on the line... Answer the Call” recycling event.** Through April 30th you will have the opportunity to drop off handheld electronic devices, which will be delivered to the zoo for recycling.

These devices contain coltan, a mineral often destructively mined in African countries. Recycling your cell phones and other handheld devices allows for these minerals to be reused, decreasing the need for mining. And keeping these devices out of landfills also protects our water supply in Wisconsin.

In March, you will also have the opportunity to add your voice to the Unitarian **Universalist Social Justice (UUSJ) Climate Letter Writing Advocacy Campaign.** After the service on **Sunday, March 29th**, we will have tables set up in the Community Room to write letters to your legislatures. Your advocacy letters calling for a quick implementation of policies to adequately address the climate crisis will then be delivered by hand to US House and Senate offices in Washington.

## SOPHIA Invites You to Be a Leader



Have you signed up as an RVP Leader for the Integrated Voter Engagement Campaign? As a SOPHIA Member who has signed up to be a Relational Voter Program (RVP) leader, you will be receiving messages via e-mail and on the RVP App at least once every two weeks. These are reminders you are asked to share with your friends, relative, and neighbors who you have said you will connect with. You can contact them in whatever way is natural for you – in person, by e-mail, Facebook, What’s App, by phone, or whatever is most comfortable.

This week, please encourage people to go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> It is an amazing website. You can find out if you are registered to vote (and have not been "purged"). You can see what is on the ballot for the April 7 Election. And, you can even find out your polling place. If you are not registered, you can register right there on the site.

And, of course, remind your contacts to vote on April 7 (or to vote early -- you can find out about that at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> as well).

If you know other people (maybe even someone on your list) who really care about our democracy and who believe it is absolutely vital for EVERYONE to vote in 2020, encourage them to also download the RVP app and commit to making sure their friends, relatives, and neighbors are aware of the issues and the elections that are coming up.

Contact SOPHIA Organizer Sharyl McFarland for more information via the church office.

## Weekly Meditation Group



"In contemplative practice (meditation) you learn to trust your Vital Center over all the passing snags and jerks of emotions and obsessive thinking."

— Richard Rohr  
Center of Action and Contemplation

We welcome you Wednesday mornings 10:00 to 11:00 to meditate. You can choose the length of time you wish to meditate. You can sit on the floor, kneel or sit in a chair. We look forward to having you sit with us. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Klimowicz via the church office.

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