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***The Newsletter of the United Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Waukesha, Wisconsin***

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| **NOVEMBER 2015** |
| **506 N. Washington Avenue****Waukesha, WI 53188****262-544-1050**[**www.UnitedUUC.org**](http://www.UnitedUUC.org) |  | **OFFICE HOURS****Tuesday & Friday****9:00 am – 3:00 pm****MINISTER’S HOURS****Tuesday & Friday****10:00 am – 2:00 pm** |
| United Worship Services**Every Sunday at 10:30 AM****November 1, 2015 “ A History Not Ours” Speaker: Rev. Schuyler Vogel****As our country prepares for another election today, the impact of religion cannot be understated. Religious liberals have long been involved with politics, but perhaps no tradition has been more influential than the modern evangelical movement. While our two traditions have often found themselves on different sides of the religious and political spectrum, there is much Unitarians can learn from both the history and the theology of evangelicalism. Come find out what they might be.** **November 8, 2015 “Our Spiritual Ancestors” Guest Speaker: Rev. Julie Forest****As U.U.’s we are lucky to have such a rich spiritual tradition. A tradition that welcomes many ways of knowing, many ways of making meaning in our world and many ways towards what some call salvation and others call wholeness. Today we celebrate our good fortune by immersing ourselves in some of the wisdom from our spiritual ancestors.****The Rev. Julie Forest does spiritual direction in the greater Milwaukee area and via the web. She is also a trained clergy coach.****November 15, 2015 “Those Who Have Gone Before” Speaker: Speaker: Rev. Schuyler Vogel** **Our ancestors have come and gone. They live on in our memories and heart, in the world they created and the works they left behind. They can be both a gift and a burden, bearers of peace and of discord. How do we make sense of the complexities in our own family’s past, which are part of us, whether we like it or not?****November 22, 2015 THANKSGIVING SERVICE Speaker: Rev. Schuyler Vogel****In this multi-generational service we will celebrate Thanksgiving and gratitude as we kick off our holiday season.**  |
| Schuyler Vogel3.jpg | **Rev. Schuyler Vogel****minister@uniteduuc.org****262-544-1050** | **Office hours****Tuesday 10am to 12pm****&****Friday 10am to 2pm** |

**Religious Education**

Darlyn Buelow, Director of Religious Education

November Religious Education lessons will be listed in the Order of Service for each week and in the weekly announcements.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

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**The Social Action Committee News**

**All congregation project report from the Sunday, October 18 Meeting**.

**Results from a vote at the meeting confirmed an interest in these topics in order:**

**1. Literacy**

**2. Prison Reform**

**3. Environment**

**Before the congregation can make a final selection, everyone agreed that research into these topics, especially in regard to how we can be involved, is necessary.  The Social Action Committee plans to develop a series of speakers' forums which will take place in the near future on Sundays after the service.**

**You can help by forwarding any names of speakers or organizations you may be aware of.  Please contact Ellen Poplawski,** **epop@wi.rr.com** **or 262-844-5161 or Marcia Romashko,** **owasseh@yahoo.com** **or 262-968-4636 by NOVEMBER 7.**

COAT DRIVE

**Our coat drive will be ending in mid November. The barrel for donations is in the Youth Room.**

**THREADS UNITED**

**We will meet on Wednesdays, November 4th & 18th at Marcia’s home at 9:30am**

NOVEMBER POTLUCK, Sunday, November 8

**Hot dish special!  Time to practice for Thanksgiving with your family favorite hot dish!  Meat or vegetarian....all will be welcome!   We will also need salads, bread, a cheese plate and yes!  Desserts!  Practice your pie making skills before Thanksgiving!  Contact Kaye W for more information!**

**POTLUCK SCHEDULE FOR 2015-2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH**

**MONTH &THEME**

**November 8: Hot dish special:** Your favorite family casseroles and super sides, salads and desserts

**December 13: Holiday Brunch**

**January 10: Chili lunch**

**February 8: Soup and sandwich**

**March 13: Potato special**

**April 10: Mexican fiesta**

**May 15: Salad Day** (Mother’s Day is on May 8, so Potluck is moved back to the following Sunday)

**Lighting things up**

Check out our new lights the Building & Grounds committee had installed on the exterior of our building! They bring a warm glow to our church at night and certainly will make getting into our building in the dark hours of winter much safer**!**

**United Used Jewelry Fundraiser**

Just in time for the holidays! After the service on Sunday, December 6th, United will have a used jewelry sale—a fun and reasonable way to find holiday gifts for yourself and others!

This is a small fundraiser for our congregation and will be held in the fellowship hall after church. Carol Pauly and Paula Pambianco will be accepting donations for this event each Sunday after church through November.

You’re also welcome to bring donations to the office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10 AM and 2 PM as late as Friday, December 4th. Thank you!

**Fruuts & Nuuts orders**

Fruuts & Nuuts Sale orders are now complete. Remember that proceeds from your orders will purchase advertisements on local radio stations, which benefits all of our Southeast Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist congregations!

Your treats will be distributed beginning in early December in time for the holidays.
 SEWUUC thanks you for your support and hopes you will enjoy all the treats!

**Dates to remember in November**

November 4 & 18 at 9:30 am: Threads United (Meet at Marcia's)

November 8, after service: Sunday Potluck (Hot dish special!)

November 8, at 12:00PM: Social Actions meeting

November 17 & 18 at 6:00 pm Soul Matters, small Ministry group

November 17 from 4 to 5:30 pm:  Coffee with the Minister (Steaming Cup, Main St. Waukesha)

The November Board Meeting: November 19

**TREASURER’S REPORT**



**Ordination Income/Expense Summary – September, 2015**

Income:

Member Donations $2,130

Beer/Wine Tasting and Concert $ 711

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sale $ 210

Congregational Donation $1,000

 Total Income $4,051

Expenses:

Catering $2,049.45

Servers for reception ($125 each) $ 375.00

Table Clothes $ 56.61

Reception supplies, refreshments, flowers, etc. $ 629.15

2 Cakes $ 99.98

Table rental $ 85.13

Ordinations gifts $ 112.75

Childcare ($40 each) $ 80.00

Pianist (Shallece) $ 100.00

Printing of Order of Service $ 279.98

Hotel Expense $ 236.19

Guest Speaker $ 300.00

Photographer $ 100.00

 Total Expenses $4,504.24

Income – Expenses: $4,051.00 - $4,504.24 = ($453.24)

**Help Wanted**

Can you spare some time to help clean the building?   You can join the cleaning crew on Friday or set your own hours.  Every little bit helps. **Please contact Susan Bergmann**

How you can help:
        Adopt a room
        Do 15 minutes of dusting on a Sunday
        Help out when someone on the cleaning crew can’t be there
        Mop the Fellowship Hall once a month
        Clean a Bathroom
        Help clean once a month

 **BUDDHIST GROUP**

The group continues to meet the first and third Wednesday of each month near our former church in Mukwonago, at Linden Grove. The address is 837 County Rd. NN, Mukwonago, WI 53149. Anyone who may be interested is welcome to join us at any time. Those with questions can contact Patti Kies.

December Newsletter Deadline

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

*All report & articles must be UU related*

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| **SUNDAY GREETERS AND COFFEE HOSTS** |
| ***Greeters*** | ***Coffee Hosts*** |
| **11/1 Genevieve & Cecelia****11/8 Sarah G & Jodi S****11/15 Darlyn B & Kylee S****11/22 Jenny M & Kim J****11/29 Kathy W & Mike Z** | **11/1 Ann M & Lisa B****11/8 POTLUCK****coffee heart.bmp11/15 Jenny M 7 John H****11/22 Meg & Moni W****11/29 Patti K & Darlyn & Kylee**  |

**LOOKING BACK SUSAN BERGMANN, HISTORIAN**

**The Endowment**

The United Unitarian and Universalist Society of Mukwonago congregation established our Endowment Fund in 1987. $18,000 from the sale of the parsonage that was sold in 1974 was used to help form a basis for the fund. The document that governs the operation of the Endowment Fund states that “the principal of the Endowment Fund may only be used upon a vote of 90% of the voting members present at a special congregational meeting called for this specific purpose, and further describes how the vote shall be taken and how notice of the meeting shall be given.

Our congregation is very lucky to have the endowment. Over the years it has helped us survive lean times, and being able to use the interest income from the fund to supplement our budget, has ensured that we no longer have deficit budgets. Recently it helped us get a very favorable mortgage interest rate when we purchased our present building in 2012, and again when we refinanced the mortgage in 2015. Several banks were very eager to give us a mortgage as the endowment made it a risk free loan for them.

The value of the endowment as of Sept 30, 2015 is $210,000. Its value has fluctuated between $263,000 and $166,000 depending on the market. From its inception, the congregation voted to use the interest income that the fund earned to help balance the budget. Since 1995 we have used 6% or approximately $13,000 every year. Since 1991 we have also used the Alice Rider Trust and Harriet Steel Trust money to help balance our budgets. We also removed $21,111 in Praxair stock in 1996, at the request of Harold and Charlotte Koeffler, who donated additional stock to bring their total donation to $36,071 so that the total amount of the sale of their stock would meet the entire cost of siding the church in Mukwonago.

Major bequests and gifts that contributed to the endowment include:

1984 Rev. Frederick Ringe’s Will $2,500

1987-91 Alice Rider’s 99 Year Trust $20,000

1996 Alleta Neuendorf’s Will $6.545

1992 Frank and Janice Erichsen Stock $8,120

 (In memory of their daughter)

1996 Harold and Charlotte Koefler $36,071 (used to pay for new siding)

1997 Sara Eng Gift $29,820

1997 Sara Eng Gift $210,311

1998 Van Vey Memorial $1,125

2003 Ivan Kaste Estate $2,800

In a report to the congregation Sept 11, 1997, Nissley Kaste stated, “Thanks to our enlarged Endowment Fund and the earning from it, we no longer have a deficit budget: we can probably pay an increased amount each year for the ministerial package, $3,000 per year for a part-time religious education director, and eliminate once and for all our deficit budget.”

Other money that was not in the endowment that has helped us balance our budget includes:

1991-2014 Alice Rider’s 99 Year Trust $132,142

1997-2009 Harriet Steel’s Trust (Ended in 2009) $24,000

Susan Bergmann, Historian 2015