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Church

THE WEEKLY NEWS

May 28 - June 3, 2017

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TODAY

9am Worship Service—Sanctuary
10am Membership Express—Alcove
10:10am Sunday Meditation—Quiet Room
11am Worship Service—Sanctuary
12pm Membership Express—Alcove

No Coffee Today

Due to HVAC Construction, there will be no coffee until the fall.

TODAY

Membership Express Sessions Sunday, May 28 following each service

If you are interested in becoming a member before the Annual Meeting (Sunday, June 4th), join Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer for a brief express membership session after each service today in the Alcove (window area at the far end of the hall). A chance to get a very brief history of our church and Unitarian Universalism, as well as how to get involved and what membership means. Each session will end with an invitation to sign the membership book. Walk-ins are welcome!

THIS WEEK

Monday

Memorial Day: Church Office Closed

Tuesday

7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics—Whitney Young

Wednesday - No Wednesday Night Dinner/Forum

6:15pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

8pm Young Adult Group—Off Site

Thursday

2pm Women in Transition—Iowa Sisterhood

Friday

Church Closed

REGISTER NOW!

General Assembly 2017

June 21-25, New Orleans, LA

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. Visit: www.uua.org/ga



at 9:00am:

Celebration Service & Flower Communion

at 10:15am:

The Annual Meeting & Recognition of New Members—All Are Welcome!

See more information, including the Annual Meeting Agenda, inside the back page of the order of service.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Lifespan Spiritual Development for Adults



THEME CIRCLES: Deepening the Soul - Deepening Connection | Sign up today for fall circles! | Visit the table in the Atrium for more!

Theme Circles are a way to deepen the connection to the monthly theme from Sunday services, and to deepen connection to a small group of peers. Guided by a simple packet of poetry, readings, and reflective questions, each circle is led by a trained facilitator in a practice of sharing and listening. Circles engage the largest questions of life - about hope, simplicity, covenant, spirit, salvation, prayer, and more. Find past themes and packets at: www.wbuuc.org/themes. Visit the table today to save your spot for next fall. *You can also indicate interest in training to become a facilitator or co-facilitator. Questions? Contact Victoria Safford (vsafford@wbuuc.org).*

Women's Book Group Summer Schedule Next Meeting: Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm

Join the discussions at 7:00pm on the second Monday of each month. In June we discuss *Euphoria* a novel by Lily King based on life events of Margaret Meade. In July, another novel, *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. The August book, *This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage*, is a memoir by novelist Ann Patchett. Check out book bag copies of *Euphoria* at the WBUUC book stall May 21 and 28.

Religious Education for Children

Playground: Request for Proposals

The children's playground has funds to build one more play structure and we are looking for ideas to do the following:

- a structure that would enhance the gross motor

skills of children 8-12 years old.

- a mid-size structure built with natural materials.
- A fun structure to encourage climbing, and the use of all our muscles.

Proposals for a play structure should be detailed and include a sketch, proposed dimensions and the materials that will be used, and an estimate of the cost. Submit them to Amy Peterson Derrick by June 24. An RE subcommittee will then select what might best fit the area. Call Amy with questions at 651.426.2369 x 106, or email dre@wbuuc.org.

Music and Arts

Music Meditation Suspended Until Fall

The weekly open music meditations in the Sanctuary are cancelled for May through early September due to HVAC and other construction at the church. They will resume in September.

Sharing Your Creative Side - Gallery Show

The 2017 members and friends art show entitled "Sharing Your Creative Side" is on display in the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church Gallery through June 18th. Those interested in purchasing art should contact the artist directly. For questions or comments on the show contact Steven Freund at zardo@outlook.com.

Show Your Soul

Be sure to visit our beautiful member art and writing webpage at: showyoursoul@wbuuc.org. Featured all summer—art and writing by our amazing WBUUC children and teens! Each month is archived so you can view any month, anytime.

Community Announcements

Land Stewardship Summer Work Days 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 9am-12pm Through October 10 | Next Date: June 13

Join the Land Stewardship Committee for general gardening and maintenance of our lovely church grounds. No experience necessary. Bring your gloves, garden tools, and water bottle. Join a fun group!

All WBUUC Restrooms Are Now All-Gender

Due to HVAC construction, the single stall all-gender restroom is currently unavailable. We have designated the two multi-stall restrooms as all-gender restrooms in order to have all bathrooms accessible for people of all gender identities and for people who need to accompany a child or another adult in the restroom, regardless of gender.

Big River Farms CSA | Sign up for Your Community Supported Agriculture Share Today!

Big River Farms supports new farmers in developing independent small farm businesses. Become a member of our CSA and you, too, can support farmers from 10 different cultures who are changing the face of agriculture, making it more diverse and sustainable each day. We deliver to WBUUC on Tuesdays beginning June 13. For more information or to sign up online visit: www.mnfoodassociation.org.

Sign Up! Habitat for Humanity in Hugo, MN

Start signing up now for summer build dates: July 24- 28 in Hugo, 8:15am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars, complete the online sign up and waiver form, and be ready to work one day or more. Go to: volunteer@tchabitat.org or call 613.305.7114.

Save the Date: Estate Planning 101 Sunday, November 5, 12:45pm

What do Jimi Hendrix, Pablo Picasso, Bob Marley, Abraham Lincoln, Howard Hughes, Sonny Bono and Prince have in common? All died without a will! In fact 55% of all adult Americans do not have a will or estate plan. ***Have you been thinking about creating a will or estate plan, and don't know where to begin?*** The Endowment Committee of the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring an educational seminar on November 5, 2017 to assist you in your planning process. Presenters Julie A. Westbrook, JD and Brenda Stuhr, CPA, CTFA from Trust Point will share their expertise in a free 90-minute informational session and be available to answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided by the Endowment Committee.

More details will be highlighted in the September and October *Weekly News*. Save the date and RSVP to Jack Ver Steegh at runjvs@gmail.com.

WBUUC Bookstall Featured Item

A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota addresses one of the most pressing issues of our time...And the time to learn more about race in the culture of "Minnesota Nice" grows even more urgent today. Bookstall closed June 4.

Save the Date! WBUUC's 2017 Oktoberfest Auction will be held Saturday, October 14

Please mark the date on your calendars. We will have some new games and activities, a new auctioneer, and new donation categories. Please start imagining your contributions now.

Can you do a basket of mending? baby-sit? offer a young family a meal a month for 3 months or more? lead a birding breakfast? pet-sit? give rides to and from the airport? offer a half day of gardening? plant window-boxes? offer home handy-person services?

Can you teach someone to kayak or canoe? knit or crochet? make a baby quilt? snow-shoe make a chalice out of clay? build a bird-house? mushroom hunt? fish (fly, ice, or otherwise)? better use their computer? get started on social media? take better photos? paddle-board? decorate cakes and cookies? **or?**

Do you have a cabin to lend? a sailboat big enough for a guest or two? bees and honey to harvest? a plot of land for gardening? an adventure to share? concert, play, opera or sports tickets? a club membership for a round of golf? gift cards for restaurants, massage, wine, consultations...?

Volunteers are needed before, during and immediately after the auction. Please call Jody McCormick 651.238.7157 or Gloria Ferguson 651.295.5073 if you'd like to join our fun crew. Donations will be accepted at church **Sept. 20-Oct. 4** only, so plan ahead for the **BEST AUCTION EVER!**

Sanctuary Update for Week of May 28, 2017

Ana (not her real name), class of 2020 at Hamline University, is studying criminal justice and legal studies. Ana is undocumented and applied for deferred action through DACA. Her future is uncertain. Here is her experience, out of three others published in the current Hamline Alumni Magazine at: hamline.edu/magazine

I have no memories of coming to the U.S. From what I was told, it was hard for my mom, as a single mother, to get a job [in Mexico] and have someone take care of me. In the 1990s, it was becoming common to bring your children over [to the U.S.]. Family members, friends, people around the community would tell you there's more job opportunities, exaggerating the reality of living here. My mom gave me to people [at the border], and somehow I ended up in San Diego. I was taken to my aunt, who lived in Riverside, California, and then my mom came later. When I was about three years old, we moved to Minnesota. My mother worked at a restaurant. We lived with friends who became like family. They were all in the same situation as us. I believe education gives you power. Growing up, I didn't like the idea of being an immigrant, being a person of color, and being female. My education is helping me feel like I can use these characteristics to an advantage because I now know I'm not the only one. I talked about being a DACA student at Hamline recently, and the girl sitting next to me started crying because she's also a DACA student. I feel like I'm stuck between two different worlds. I have a piece of paper that tells me I was born somewhere else, but I don't feel connected to that place. I grew up here. This is all I know. It's hard to choose a career or a degree because my status doesn't allow me to work in certain fields. I can't be a police officer or a lawyer. It's difficult, but I'm trying to choose a flexible career path in which I'm able to pursue my dream of helping the community. I want to be positive and be able to support other students, youth, and families.

One way to affect how immigrants are treated is by joining the Rapid Response Network, a coalition effort led by organizations like Navigate, MIRAC_(MN Immigrant Rights Action Committee), ISIAAH and others to show up and take action in solidarity with communities affected by ICE. Join an upcoming training to learn how to observe and be present at ICE raids, basic immigrant and responder legal rights, and more.

Upcoming trainings:

Sat., June 3, 10am–1:00pm
Walker Community United Methodist Church
3104 16th Ave S
Minneapolis, 612.722.6612

Sat., June 10, 2:00–5:00pm
East Side Freedom Library
1105 Greenbrier St
St. Paul, 651.230.3294

Sun., June 4, 6:00–8:00pm
University Baptist Church
1219 University Avenue SE
Minneapolis, 612.331.1768

Sun., June 11, 2:00–5:00pm
First Universalist Church
3400 Dupont Ave S
Minneapolis, 612.825.1701



Sanctuary Facebook Page

WBUUC members and friends! You are invited to visit and “like” our new Sanctuary Facebook page called Love Lives Here WBUUC. On this page, you will find updates, upcoming events, articles, and calls to action. Please click the “Like” button to stay in touch with the work of our Sanctuary Committee and how you can help.

Go to: www.facebook.com/lovelivesherewbuuc