



News for Lake Country UUs

Lake Country Unitarian Universalists
rejoice in life, find the sacred, seek justice,
with open minds and hearts.

FEBRUARY 2012

James Hobart, Minister
Stephanie Flessert, Office Administrator
Kerry Duma, Director of Religious Education
Karen Haskell, Choir Director

Sunday Services & Religious Education for Children/Youth—10:00 a.m.

W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, WI 53029
At the intersection of Hwy E & Hwy K

FEBRUARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 5 - North Lake Food Pantry

February 19 - Bread of Life Meal Program, Hartland

February 5: "Walking the Maze Together," James A. Hobart, preaching

We are now half way through this church year, the image of the maze seems an appropriate metaphor for our journey from where we started to where we want to go.

February 12: "Be the Change YOU Wish to See in the World, the UU Way!" Mary Sue Reutebuch

Mary Sue Reutebuch, Montessori Educator and Faith Formation Director, will help us assess our church to home connection. How can we concretely build a community committed to caring for one another, social justice, and compassion in our everyday lives? We often see what can be done on a global scale; however, what do we need to do in our families and among our neighbors to bring the UU values to life.

February 19: "A Celebration of Transitions," presented by LCUUC 5th and 6th Graders with Sue Lewis

This service will be a presentation of poems, stories and music in celebration of completing the first part of LCUUC's "coming of age" curriculum. "Transitions Part 1: Identity" focuses on the transition from childhood to adolescence. During this special service you will hear what our young people have to say about themselves and their place in our religious community.

February 26: "Finding the Ends of the World," James A. Hobart, preaching

We are forever trying to relate ends to means, means to ends. Can we make means and ends worthy of one another?



OFFICE HOURS

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Mon. / Tues. / Fri. = 10 a.m.—3 p.m. & Thurs. = 12—4:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to meet with our minister, Rev. James Hobart, or our Director of Religious Education, Kerry Duma, should call and make an appointment.

Prelude

During February the Board of Trustees and I begin deliberating about adopting a realistic plan, including a timeline, that will have a high likelihood for the church being able to call a full-time minister. When I began at LCUUC in August 2011, it was hoped that this goal could be accomplished within two years, beginning in the 2013-2014 church year.



Now, in February 2012, we are considering whether or not this is possible. If it is, it will be a time for celebration. If it is not, the Board and I will consider an alternative plan which has a longer timeline. It is my strong impression that the Board and the congregation membership remain committed to full-time called ministry when there are the financial resources to cover expenses.

One of the considerations for next year concerns whether or not I will return for a second year of transitional ministry at LCUUC. Both the Board and I have to agree for this to occur. If we both want to continue, then we will discuss and seek a Board-Minister agreement. The agreement will spell out such matters as the length (one year), the amount of time (half-time), 3 or 4 ministerial time priorities, and the compensation, benefits and professional expenses.

Obviously, the success of the upcoming March stewardship drive for the 2012-2013 church year will be the major factor in determining what can be done and when it can be done.

During the Sundays leading up to Stewardship Sunday, each week a member of the congregation will speak from the heart about the importance of LCUUC in their life. Whether or not you are delivering one of these testimonials, I invite everyone to consider: what would you say to yourself, to your religious community, and to the world about the importance of this church in your life and in the life of the larger communities of which we are each a part?

When everyone puts their money where their values lie, the LCUUC will not be lacking in the financial resources to call a full-time minister.

James A. Hobart

The Caring Circle is available to help during tough times!

The Caring Circle is available to provide short-term practical assistance and support to LCUUC members & friends during times of illness, death, birth or other challenging circumstances.

We can provide meals, transportation, visitation, shopping, light housework and light yard work.

Contact Lynne S if you are in need of some assistance.

On Board



Reverend Jim Hobart's Report:

- ◆ The Mukwonago UUU Church is moving to Waukesha. Ministers of area UU Churches will discuss this development.
- ◆ Rather than create a Lay Ministry Program, it has been decided that, for the time being, the Caring Circle best serves LCUUC members.
- ◆ Financial limitations may slow the timetable for hiring a full-time minister, but Reverend Hobart is confident that the Congregation has the will to get there.

Treasurer's Report:

- ◆ Thanks to the generosity of the Congregation, LCUUC did not have to use the general fund to pay for an early buy-out of the SunVest contract for the solar panels. The payback for solar panels has been impressive.

Old Business

- ◆ Al H reported on the plan to canvas a test group before presenting the Stewardship campaign to the Congregation on March 11. As part of the campaign, personal testimonials will be given at Sunday services.
- ◆ The Board authorized Vice President Barbara H to sign a contract with the Country Springs Hotel for the May 6 Fashion Show Benefit.

New Business

- ◆ An additional \$500 was put in the Minister's Discretionary Fund.
- ◆ The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 3rd.

Submitted by Blake M

FEBRUARY



**Happy Birthday
Wishes to:**

1 Bev B	12 Madeline H
2 Jessica K	12 Erich M
2 Karla S	16 Jim T
3 Rick N	17 Fran B
5 Jeff K	18 Mike C
6 Emily K	21 Calvin C
7 Mike B	21 Hudson K
7 Paul F	24 Joan R
7 Halle K	24 Carlyn W
10 Zachary S	25 Debbie L
11 Judy I	

(Please contact Stephanie Flessert if your name is not included in the birthday congratulations.)

February Calendar of Events

(all events at LCUUC unless otherwise noted)

Every Sunday	Church Service & RE	10 a.m.
	Youth Group	11:15 a.m.
Every Tuesday	SOS (Secular Organizations for Sobriety)	7–8:30 p.m.
Thursday, 2	Philosophy Class: Descartes	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 4	All Church Retreat	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, 5	Choir practice	8:25 a.m.
	“People Making Music” Class	12 Noon
Monday, 6	Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7	T'ai Chi class	10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 8	Technology Committee meeting	7 p.m.
Thursday, 9	Green Fair Committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Philosophy Class: Descartes	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 11	Romantic Valentine's Day Dinner	6 p.m.
	High School Youth Overnighter	8 p.m.
Sunday, 12	Choir Rehearsal	8:25 a.m.
	All Church Pot Luck Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	“Bringing UU Values into the Home” Workshop	12 Noon
	“People Making Music” Class	12 Noon
	“Hungry for Change” discussion session	1 p.m.
	Craft Group	2 p.m.
Monday, 13	“Mindfulness in Everyday Life” class	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 14	T'ai Chi class	10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Thursday, 16	Philosophy Class: Descartes	6:30 p.m.
Friday, 17	Parent Covenant Group	5:30 p.m.
	Socrates Café @ Milw. St. Traders, Delafield	7 p.m.
Saturday, 18	Habitat for Humanity work day	
	ChoralFest in Racine	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, 19	“People Making Music” Class	12 Noon
Monday, 20	Social Action Committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
	“Mindfulness in Everyday Life” class	6:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, 21	T'ai Chi class	10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Thursday, 23	Green Fair Committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Philosophy Class: Descartes	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 26	Choir Rehearsal	8:25 a.m.
Monday, 23	“Mindfulness in Everyday Life” class	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 24	T'ai Chi class	10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Thursday, 25	Philosophy Class: Descartes	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 26	“People Making Music” Class	12 Noon
	Demo Hula Hooping Class	12:30 p.m.
	“Hungry for Change” discussion session	1 p.m.
Monday, 27	Membership Committee meeting	6 p.m.
	“Mindfulness in Everyday Life” class	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 28	T'ai Chi class	10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

*Secular Organizations for Sobriety, also known as Save Our Selves, is dedicated to providing a path to sobriety, an alternative to those paths depending upon supernatural or religious beliefs. SOS respects diversity, welcomes healthy skepticism, and encourages rational thinking as well as the expression of feelings.

Social Action Committee

What LCUUC did in Jan. to improve our world:

Among other ongoing efforts, members and friends participated in the following:

- ◆ Violence Against the Vulnerable subcommittee met to draft the next communication to Vilma, the mother LCUUC is sponsoring at Safe Passage in Guatemala. Also previewed the award-winning documentary, *The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo*.
- ◆ Collected for the Hartland Food Pantry.
- ◆ LCCUC high school students volunteered to help serve a meal at the Hope Center on Saturday, January 21.
- ◆ Participated in the Habitat for Humanity workday in Milwaukee on Saturday, Jan. 21 doing interior painting on a new construction house.
- ◆ Supported the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic through our designated collection. This provides much needed care for disadvantaged Waukesha County residents.

THANK YOU to all who participated in these and other actions!

What you can do in February:

- ◆ Donate to the designated monthly collection on February 19 for the Bread of Life meal program in Hartland. LCUUC will help prepare and serve the March meal.
- ◆ Donate to the North Lake Food Pantry on February 5. Money will be collected during the offering and allows food pantries to purchase the most needed items at bulk prices. Donations of food can be placed in the basket in the foyer at any time.
- ◆ Continue to donate to the winter clothes collection for the Hope Center. Winter clothes, coats, and boots are much needed and can be placed in the bins in the Social Hall. Contact Diane M with any questions.
- ◆ Participate in the next Habitat for Humanity workday in Milwaukee. Contact Tom H for details.



Other Social Action Committee News

- ◆ The next Social Action Committee meeting is on *Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.*, in the first classroom if it's available.
- ◆ Save the Date: On Sunday, April 29, Common Ground will host a large Spring Assembly. Plan to show your support for Common Ground's work on important social issues in the area, including neighborhood housing revitalization, education and health care. Put it on your calendar and watch for more details.

Religious Education is For Everyone!

Our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement so far this year. Our children have been considering questions such as "What is God", "What is Evil", "What is a Soul" and considering ideas about the value of silence, the value of kindness, the meaning of poverty and the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks.

We have had an "extra" classroom this month. As our 5th and 6th Graders are moving from childhood to adolescence, they have begun a 5-week "Transitions 1-Identity" program. We will have an opportunity to hear from this group on February 19th, when they will present an Intergenerational worship service highlighting their talents and some insights into who they are.

Our High School Youth Group has accomplished a lot this year. In January, they helped with serving a meal and doing the dishes at the Hope Center. The experience "made us more aware of those most in need and the inspiring community of volunteers", says advisor Janis T. This month, they are hosting a Romantic Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 11 to raise money for this summer's service trip to New Orleans.

We had originally planned to offer the 10-12th Grade OWL program starting this month, but due to low numbers, the decision was made to delay the offering until next year.

I am excited about bringing Mary Sue Reutebuch to LCUUC this month, to present a worship service and a special workshop for families on February 12. Ms. Reutebuch is a Montessori educator and a parenting expert. In her workshop "Bringing UU Values into the Home", she will bring us concrete suggestions for ways to improve family communication, develop mutual bonds, share important family stories, respect differences and enjoy time together. Portions of the workshop will be interactive, and children will be included. If you haven't signed up for the workshop in the social hall and would like to attend, please contact me.

As always, I welcome your ideas, questions and suggestions related to our RE programs. I hope all of you are enjoying our unusual winter!

Warmly in faith,
Kerry Duma
Director of Religious Education

Sunday, February 12

Pull out your favorite recipe and bring a dish to share for another fabulous
LCUUC POTLUCK!

We'll gather for a meal in the social hall, and then be inspired by that morning's speaker, Mary Sue Reutebuch, who will be presenting a workshop on "Bringing UU Values into the Home".



Special Workshop: Bringing UU Values into the Home

Mary Sue Reutebuch has been a leader in Montessori education for over 25 years, and has developed an *Effective Parenting Program* that she has offered to parents and teachers throughout the US and Canada. She will bring us concrete suggestions for ways to improve family communication, develop mutual bonds, share important family stories, respect differences and enjoy time together. Portions of the workshop will be interactive, and children will be included. The tools in this workshop would also be useful for couples and anyone who desires closer connections to others in their lives.

The workshop will start after people finish lunch and will go until around 2:00 p.m. *Please sign up!* in the social hall or by contacting Kerry Duma, dre@lcuuc.org. Everyone is invited to participate in the potluck, even if not staying for the workshop.

Get Involved / Things to Do

Craft Group

Our next craft group meeting is *Sunday, February 12, from 2-4 p.m.* Location TBD. Our last meeting, creating jewelry from soda cans was a big hit. We have several options for a craft at the next meeting and are open to other ideas as well.

Option - A: Felting demo (optional to bring supplies to make something).

Option - B: Polymer clay - make beads (everyone is asked to bring a clay color).

What would you like to learn how to do, and what would you be willing to teach? You don't have to teach to attend the classes.

Second question, do you want this to be an adults only craft group?

Please send me your thoughts.

Thanks, Linda F



Socrates Café

Socrates Café will take place on *Friday, February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Milwaukee Street Traders, 523 Milwaukee Street in Delafield.* Socrates Café consists of a casual, lively philosophical discussion! Bring a question (if you'd like), such as "What is courage?" or "What is enough?" Using the Socratic method, in which the meanings of the words and the underlying assumptions in the question are examined, we will perhaps not answer the question, but it will be explored from many angles. Come to

listen or to participate in discussion. We hope to see you there! Contact Lynne S with any questions.

ChoralFest 2011

Six South East Wisconsin UU Council (SEWUUC) choirs will combine in concert on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Racine's sonorous First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue (Corner of College & Hwy 20 (aka Washington Ave.)). The 2:30 PM concert will feature songs sung by each participating choir and will conclude in massed presentation. The choirs celebrate the Earth, and Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, and Islamic religions. A reception will follow the concert.



The finale starts with UU composer Aldophus Hailstork's Shalom, the Gregorian chant Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est, overtone singing, and muezzin (Islamic chanter) Nabbeh Al-Amin intoning the Azan, or Call to Prayer. Combined, the songs create a moving demonstration of the love and beauty in all religions.

SEWUUC will present the Unsung UU Award at this concert. We are asking for a goodwill offering.

Participating choirs are from Lake Country UU, Hartland; UU Church West, Brookfield; Bradford Community, Kenosha; Unitarian Church North, Mequon; United UU Church of Mukwonago; and Olympia Brown UU Church of Racine.

Art & Spirituality Class:

What does (making) Art and (searching for) Spirituality have in common? They reflect an individual's world view; delve into the Unknown and the Mysterious; bring us together as human beings, as well as express our joy at being alive. To know Art History is to know our own world history!

WHEN: 4 Wednesdays, March 7-28, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: LCUUC Sanctuary

FEE: \$40.00

Our facilitator will be Janica Y, a fine art photographer & instructor. Check out her website. For more information, contact Janica. Please register using our yellow registration forms in the lobby. (Class minimum is 10 people.)



MODERN PHILOSOPHY:
Rene Descartes



Come and join us here at the LCUUC, classroom #1, on Thursday evenings, from 6:30pm–8:30pm, February 2nd through March 29th, 2012, to think along with the person referred to as “the father of modern philosophy.”

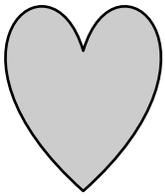
- ❖ You can purchase your own copy of Descartes' *Meditations on First Philosophy: With Selections from the Objections and Replies*, [John Cottingham translation] ISBN 0521558182 by going on-line to

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- ❖ Interested? Contact Gus S

"I realized that it was necessary...to demolish everything completely and to start again right from the foundations if I wanted to establish anything at all in the sciences that was stable and likely to last."

-Rene Descartes



Romantic Valentine's

Day Dinner

6 p.m. Saturday, February 11th

Located at Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church
Classy Dining for You and Your Special Someone

Non-alcoholic Drinks



Appetizers



Salad

Pasta with Garden Tomato Sauce or Alfredo Sauce

Vegetarian and Classic Meatballs

Garlic Bread



Desserts



The cost is \$30 per couple and includes a special photo.



For reservations, email: church@lcuuc.org.



The Spiritual & Practical Wisdom of the Enneagram

On Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9AM to 4PM, LCUUC will be offering the workshop **"The Spiritual and Practical Wisdom of the Enneagram."** Led by two experienced facilitators, we will explore this centuries-old psychological system with roots in sacred tradition.

The Enneagram describes fundamental patterns of thinking, feeling, and acting, and is a tool for furthering our understanding of ourselves and others. It is a:

- ⊕ system for examining relationships among personality types
- ⊕ way of understanding how your gift can also be your curse
- ⊕ way of understanding how you organize your perceptions
- ⊕ way of understanding how you contribute to the world
- ⊕ map to the soul

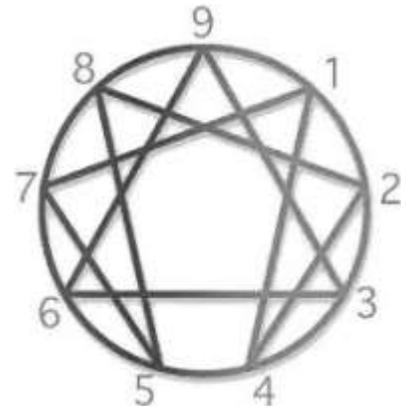
Kim S and Pamela J of First Unitarian Society in Madison will be facilitating the workshop. Kim and Pamela have offered this enriching and self-reflective workshop for the past three years, in Madison. Kim first began her Enneagram study in 2000 and in 2009 became a certified Enneagram teacher with the Palmer/Daniels Enneagram Training Program in the Narrative Tradition. Pamela encountered the Enneagram in 1994 and seeks to use its insights to deepen self-understanding and expand humor and compassion among people.

Prior to the workshop, you will need to purchase the book *The Essential Enneagram: The Definitive Personality Test and Self-Discovery Guide—Revised & Updated*, by David Daniels and Virginia Price (2009) and use it to administer your self-test.

A follow-up one-day workshop, **"The Enneagram: Going Deeper,"** will take place on Saturday, May 5. Registration for this second session is independent of the first workshop but participants should have taken the first workshop or have prior experience using the Enneagram.

If you have any questions regarding either workshop, contact Kathie Gorski at kathie.gorski@gmail.com. The registration deadline is February 25 for the first workshop, but please register as early as possible so that we can confirm with the facilitators. There is a 12-person minimum enrollment, so register with a friend!

Day: Saturday, March 3, 2012
Time: 9AM to 4PM (1 hr lunch break, brown bag or order in)
Fee: \$60 LCUUC members/\$70 nonmembers
Registration: No later than February 25, 2012
Location: Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church
W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, WI 53029



"The Enneagram may be the most powerful path to integration of personality and Spirit, for it shows us how to harness the energy in personality to reclaim and live our higher essential qualities."

David Daniels, MD, Co-Founder of Enneagram Studies In The Narrative Tradition

"What sets the Enneagram apart is that it contains such detailed, useful information about what drives us to behave as we do. It's valuable not just for those seeking to understand themselves but also as a source of insights into one's friends, colleagues, and even enemies."

Tony Schwartz, Founder and CEO of The Energy Project

LCUUC Green Fair - April 21, 2012!

The Green Fair Committee is happy to announce the first annual Green Fair at LCUUC. It will be from 10am to 3pm at LCUUC. Save the date - we would like everyone to be involved in some way on the big day. There will be plenty to do, from directing traffic to being a Green Fair Ambassador. Look for sign up sheets in the Social Hall for various roles.

The Green Fair Committee is focusing on "Sustainability for the Whole Family." We are looking for:

- ◆ Family friendly games, activities and crafts that utilize nature, recyclables and renewable energy.
- ◆ Vendors and exhibitors with a focus on sustainable products and services for homeowners and individuals.
- ◆ Demonstrations and Talks that will show sustainable living is easy and fun.

Some examples of what we have planned so far:

- ◆ Joy of Chickens - raising chickens in your back yard.
- ◆ Natural Cleaning -, easy to make, home cleaners - displays, recipes and test cleaning.
- ◆ Kids Craft Area - making jewelry out of shapes punched from used soda cans.
- ◆ Beekeeping
- ◆ Solar Pizza Box Ovens
- ◆ Newspaper Seedling Pots with Kids
- ◆ Garden Markers w/ Kids

Products and Vendors:

- ◆ Native Landscaping
- ◆ Locally Made Soap
- ◆ Rain Barrels
- ◆ Fair Trade
- ◆ Solar Panels
- ◆ CSAs



Let us know if you have any ideas or contacts. If you know someone or some business that will be a good fit for the Green Fair, let us know. If you want to give a demonstration or talk, let us know.

Barbara H, Green Fair Committee Chair

NOTE to ALL:

The Craft Group needs your soda and beer cans for a project for the Green Fair. We will be turning them into flat sheets and cutting them into various shapes to make jewelry with. Please clean them out, and if you can go the extra step of cutting off the top and bottom so we just end up with a flat sheet, even better. We will have a collection box set up in the meeting room. Thank-You.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit all articles by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Mail items to: LCUUC—Newsletter,
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Or email to: newsletter@lcuuc.org



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church is a religious community that encourages spiritual growth in compassion, wisdom and understanding. We draw inspiration from the principles of Unitarian Universalism, diverse religious sources, and the breadth of human experience. We seek to live in accordance with this inspiration, working for positive change in our community, country and the world.

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