

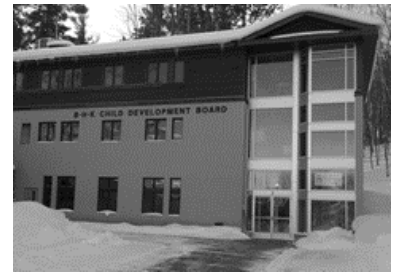
yUUPER Newsletter

Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person."

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 March 2018; Vol. 33, #3

BHK Building (700 Park Ave., Houghton). Enter on North Side, off Waterworks Drive



Sunday Schedule for March 2018

March 4: "Life Lessons from a Life List," by Rev. Ann Schranz, our March Visiting Minister. See page 2 for details about Rev. Ann's topic.

March 11: "Honoring our Past; Creating our Future." Will Cantrell and Bill Leder discuss the 2018 KUUF Canvass. Kickoff begins today. See article at right for more information.

March 18: "Acts of God," Linda Belote presents. See pg. 2 for more information on this topic.

March 25: "Denizens of the Earth," by Rev. James C. Leach of Charlotte NC. Jack Jobst reads this Faith Rocket sermon.



Visiting minister, Rev. Mark Dennis, makes a point during a discussion with Barry Elizabeth Fink after the service he hosted on February 4th.

2018 KUUF Canvass Kickoff starts

Sunday, March 11

Financial Goal set for \$67,000

Honoring Our Past – Creating Our Future

KUUF's annual fund-raising effort is scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 11 and continue for four weeks, ending on Sunday, April 1.

This year, Treasurer Will Cantrell and Finance Committee Chair Bill Leder will co-lead the canvass. Tammy Gajewski will continue as Collector.

Will and Bill expect to provide weekly updates on Sunday mornings and through the weekly KUUF *Digest*.

This year's theme first speaks to reflecting on our history of providing a shared voice for liberal religion in the Keweenaw, dating back to 1961 through the first Fellowship and, after a pause, the second Fellowship that began in 1986.

We have achieved much over the past years and weathered some rough spots along our journey. The theme continues by optimistically looking to the future. How will we support our *RISES Ministries* going forward?

- Religious Education
- Internal Community
- Sunday and other Services
- External Community
- Stewardship

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Canvass, continued.

The canvass financial goal is \$67,000. Combined with \$6,000 in other revenue (mostly from another Goods and Services Auction), the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, beginning June 1, supports expenses of \$73,000.

The budget is based on the scheduling of 12 visiting ministers, plus a continuation of using lay-led materials from UUA Faith Rocket.

Also included are two new line items: The first is \$4,300 for currently unidentified activities that will further enrich and support KUUF during the year. The second is \$17,000 to begin building financial resources for expanded ministerial services at some point in the future.

For the fiscal year beginning June 1, all committees will continue with the same budget amounts they currently enjoy except Worship, which has increased responsibilities, as discussed above.

Staffing (office, music, RE, child care) remains the same as the current year but could possibly increase through the *unidentified initiatives* line item discussed above. Basic infrastructure (BHK and office rent, insurance, communications, office operations) remains unchanged.

A few minor items are being finalized by the Finance Committee. A budget with details similar to past years will be made available to Fellowship members soon.

Worship Committee Sets March 11 for Next Meeting

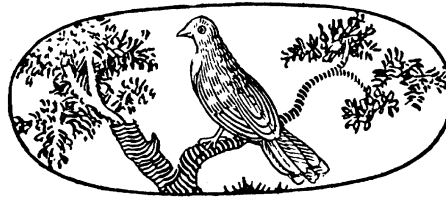
The KUUF Worship Committee will meet right after the March 11 service, at 12:30 p.m., in the BHK community room.

The committee expects to set dates and topics for the April service schedule. Anyone interested in offering a service topic or to help with presenting a faithrocket.org service is encouraged to attend.

If you cannot attend but have an idea to share, please give it to a committee member: Barry, Jack, Miriam, Bob Wheeler, or Shirley.

Your feedback about services is always helpful.

Visiting Minister, Rev. Ann Schranz, to Discuss "Life Lessons from a Life List" on March 4th



The activities we love shape our lives.

Rev. Ann has loved birding for 45 years. She will share insights from decades of birding as they relate to human challenges.

Wisdom consists in understanding our motivations, our faults, our flights of greatness, the demands of our environment, and our place in the world.

Unitarian Universalists find wisdom in different places. Rev. Ann found wisdom in fields, forests, lakes, cities, and even near sewage treatment plants.

She recently retired from a full-time UU ministry. Rev. Ann served as the settled minister at Monte Vista UU Congregation in Montclair, California for nine years. Prior to that, she served as the interim minister at the UU Fellowship of Santa Cruz County in Aptos, California for two years.

She is originally from southeastern Wisconsin, and has just recently moved to Door County, Wisconsin.

March 18th Service Will Focus on "Acts of God"

An Interview with presenter, Linda Belote.

Where did your interest in the Acts of God come from?

It all started when I gave a lecture to MTU students on the wide-ranging varieties of religious beliefs around the world. This occurred in my *Intro to Anthropology* class in the late 1970s.

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"Acts of God," continued

After this class a student came up and asked me what I thought about the Acts of God. Acts of God? I hadn't thought anything about this. What was he talking about?



He explained that his father sold insurance locally and that he was sure that my

homeowner's insurance excluded "The Acts of God."

I went home and looked at my policy. He was correct, and so I began a little research project.

I called all the insurance agents listed in the local yellow pages with my anthropological query into this topic.

So when you speak on March 18th, you will reveal the results of your survey?

Yes, my service topic will reveal what I learned, and it will bring the topic 'up to date.'

Board Offers Additional Stipend for Visiting Ministers Who Contribute to yUUpper Newsletter

At the February meeting, the KUUF Board agreed to encourage visiting ministers to write a short article or column for the *yUUpper Newsletter*. Completing one would garner a small stipend added to the minister's pay for speaking with the Fellowship.

The contribution could focus on virtually anything the writer wishes, from an extension of the planned sermon topic, to a biographical anecdote, or a general item of interest.

This idea originated with the newsletter staff, which had been publishing Rev. Chris's column for the past two years. With him now gone, the newsletter staff hopes to locate other sources of material from the ranks of UU professionals.

From our Library

What can we do to take a more active role in evangelization? Or should we? This month's book from our UU library at BHK discusses this topic.

Salted with Fire: Unitarian Universalist Strategies for Sharing Faith and Growing Congregations, edited by Scott W. Alexander, (1994, 259 pages).



BOOKS

This book, with 22 essays by various authors, represents, according to a blurb on the back cover, "one dynamic collection that is part philosophy, part practical advice, and mostly inspiration."

Author/Editor

Alexander says that "a new evangelical spirit is stirring within Unitarian Universalism!" And furthermore, we "have a unique and valuable religious vision to offer others."

The book offers eight, key guidelines for UU Growth and Evangelism: (1) to have the solid belief that we offer a "saving gospel" that encourages us to share it with others; (2) to change the system of long-standing UU beliefs; (3) to develop our strategic planning; (4) to enable the laity to share in the congregational ministry; (5) to develop complete full-week, full-year congregations; (6) to maintain a "service mission" that is clear, specific, and effective; (7) to supply high-quality religious services; and (8) to foster "structures and habits that create high participation, high expectations, and high commitment."

Because of the subject matter, this book could be one of the most important that we have in our library. I have written about these points in more detail; contact me if you would like to discuss them.

—Bob Fiandt



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