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Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 July 2018; Vol. 33, #7

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



Sunday Schedule for July 2018

July 1: Horst and Amlan will discuss their experiences at the recent UUA General Assembly in Kansas City.

July 8: Forum. Bill Leder will discuss the **Pilgrim River Watershed Project**. See article on page two for more information.

July 15: Paul Mitchell (Jim Boyce's helper) will discuss **"Five Smooth Stones: James Luther Adams' Lecture and Its Impact on Unitarian Universalism."** Adams was the major theological voice for UU in the 20th Century. See article on page three for more information.

July 22: Rev. Mark Richards returns to lead a worship service for us. Rev. Mark struggled through a snowstorm and road closing in early February to reach us; hopefully that won't be the case in July.

July 29: Bill Fink will lead us in a **"Coffee Communion"** service



Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher speaks to Bill Fink, Don Arkin, and Jane Hiltunen, among others, at a potluck the night before she served as one of our visiting ministers.

Fourteen KUUF members attended a potluck at BHK in June and heard suggestions from Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher on how the Fellowship might proceed.

KUUF Board Announces Task Forces

As discussed during the annual meeting, the board is asking for volunteers from the Fellowship to address three recommendations that emerged from the small group meetings held earlier this year. The hope is to form a task force to work on each of the following recommendations:

1. Schedule one or more workshops/retreats with an outside facilitator to allow fellowship members to come together, examine our differences that have emerged over the past year, and define who we are now. This will hopefully be a healing process, an affirmation of our values, and a reminder of why this Fellowship exists



2. Investigate the variety of options that are available to the Fellowship for ministerial services in the future – short term and long term. We all have opinions and hopes regarding what we would like ministerial services to look like. This task force will be charged with obtaining factual information regarding the different options and hiring procedures.
3. Revisit the Fellowship's strategic plan and develop action plans that will enable us to move forward with whatever goals we set for the future. This task force does not have to reinvent the wheel. The Fellowship already has a strategic plan to use as a base, and a group of members began the process of revising it last year.

Task force #1 has the appropriate member numbers, but if you are interested in helping with the other Tasks, contact Lora Repp at lorarepp@yahoo.com or call 765/749-6828.

KUUF Members Hold Annual Meeting, Elect New Board, Discuss Issues

By Miriam Pickens

Over forty KUUF members attended the annual meeting on June 10th to elect a new Board of Trustees and hear about our financial status.

New or returning board members include Dave Watkins (President), Horst Schmidt (VP), Jenn Donovan (Secretary), Cindy Enderby (Treasurer), Members-at-Large: Lora Repp, Connie Sherry, Elen Maurer, and Grace Parikh.

Departing from the Board, with thanks for their efforts, are Amlan Mukherjee, Kelly Steelman, Tom Hoornstra and Will Cantrell.

Next year's nominating committee will consist of Nanno Rose and Bill Leder, with a third member selected by the new Board.

The Finance Committee stated that additional pledges have come in after the pledge period, bringing the total up to \$70,180.

Suggestions came from the floor on improvements to the website, a task previously handled by Rev. Chris. Office worker Lisa and Will Cantrell are working diligently on this difficult challenge.

Choir Director Sandra Loy briefly explained copyright laws pertaining to photocopied music. "These laws are vital for the protection of composers and artists, who are among the most economically vulnerable members of our society," she said.

Loy recommended we expend some of our extra funds on building a stronger music library. She also recommended we increase the salary of our accompanist, Alex, and pay honoraria for non-member musicians recruited for special events. The KUUF members decided that a stronger music committee was needed to address these issues.

Bill Leder to Discuss Pilgrim River Watershed Project at 7/8 Forum

The Pilgrim River Watershed is comprised of



15,000 acres. The main channel and tributaries of the river are more than 16 miles long, from the headwaters in Adams Township, coursing through Portage Township, to the

mouth at Portage Lake.

Much of the river and adjoining forest have been open to the public for recreation for many decades. The Project arose from concern about the potential for eventual urbanization of this high value natural area, just four miles from Houghton, Michigan. A 12-year effort to protect 1,600 acres of forest land and four miles of river was completed in December 2017.

The Project has been a long journey of collaboration, patience and perseverance, punctuated with twists and turns, setbacks, and leaps forward.

Through Bill's *Power Point* presentation, this forum will explore the social and institutional constructs that led to a successful outcome, providing perpetual public access, conserving valuable natural resources, and enabling a sustainable, working forest -- all right here in our own backyard.

Paul Mitchell to discuss UU Theologian James Luther Adams at 7/15 Service

According to Mitchell, the "Five Smooth Stones" lecture by James Luther Adams form a succinct and optimistic statement of liberal religious thought.

Adams is considered by many to be the leading Unitarian theologian of the 20th century.

Paul has been wandering in thought with the essence of the lecture for more than a decade. He will deliver an introduction to the famous sermon and share how he tries to live in the spirit of Adams' *Five Stones*.



James Luther Adams, Theologian

Social Activities Committee Plans Coffee Mug Design



By Lora Repp and Miriam Pickens
The Social Activities Committee is planning a community event consisting of painting

and glazing ceramic mugs, getting them fired during August and then offering them to the public during the fall at a "Coffee Conversation" event.

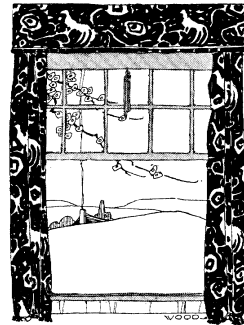
The committee will provide coffee, snacks and conversation, and will request a donation for the mugs. The donation would go to a KUUF mission to be determined later.

Miriam Pickens to Guest Edit August Newsletter

Miriam Pickens is assisting on this July issue and will be the editor for the August issue while Jack is on holiday.

Miriam enjoys working on publicity and writing. For the past few years she has produced two monthly art columns for the *Daily Mining Gazette*. When Jack asked for a substitute editor, she was happy to take that on, partly because it was an interesting challenge, and also because she knew she could count on her son Jesse for editorial assistance.

Jesse is the Editorial Clerk at the *Gazette*, and enjoys writing, drawing, and playing with computers. He doesn't know at this time that he's volunteered for this, so please don't mention it if you happen to see him at the *Gazette* office this summer.



Librarian Bob Explains How to Search the KUUF Library from Home

1. Go to our homepage at keweenawuu.org, click on "Connection," click on "KUUF Library."

Use the buttons at the bottom of the window to perform commands. You can browse by jumping from page to page, zooming in and out, or making the library full-screen.

2. To conduct a search for a certain word, you must first download the catalog by clicking the "Download PDF" button.

Use "Ctrl-F" (hold down *Ctrl* and *F* at the same time) to open the "find" bar, near the top of the screen.

3. Type the word in your search (this is not case-sensitive) and hit "Enter." All words that match will be highlighted, one at a time. The find bar will tell you the number of matching words found, and you can use the arrows to jump from matching word to matching word. If you do not find a matching word, try a synonym, or a different spelling.

For example, if you search for "poet," you will find five words in the catalog that contain that word.

I know that this may seem intimidating at first, but once you know the process, you will find it very easy. A slightly shorter version of these instructions is in the library at BHK.

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Home Page:

<http://www.keweenawuu.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/keweenawuu/>

Koffee Klatsch: Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. The group meets at Roy's Bakery, on the Keweenaw Waterway just west of the Bridge.



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