



yUUPER Newsletter

Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 April 2019; Vol. 34, #4

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



Sunday Schedule for April 2019

April 7: A Musical Extravaganza from Sandra and Alex This recital will feature the works of a lesser known but vitally important African American composer and arranger, Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh (1866-1949).

Burleigh was the first arranger to publish African American spirituals as mainstream concert pieces for solo voice and piano.

April 14: Forum. Jack Jobst will offer his most recent illustrated talk, **Why the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire was such a Disaster** 113 years ago, on April 16, 1906.

April 21: Justice on Earth with Paul Mitchell. At a time when racial justice, environmental justice, and economic justice are seen as competing issues, *Justice on Earth* explores the ways in which the three are intertwined.

Communities on the margins are invariably those most affected by climate disaster and environmental toxins. We are asked to recognize that our faith calls us to long-haul work for justice for our human kin, for the Earth, and for all life. It invites us to look at our current challenges through a variety of different perspectives.

Note: Saturday, April 27: Memorial Service for Cookie Johnson; 10:30 am, Rozsa Center

April 28: Celebration of Color, Paul M. An intergenerational service inspired by the Hindu Festival of Holi and the Advent of Spring!

Holi is a festival signifying the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and

for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. Weather permitting, we will celebrate outdoors and include a free-for-all festival of color that will cover us in many colors.

As we get closer, we'll talk more about wearing clothes that can get colorful!



Adding machine crew: Jobst, Fink, Newcombe, and Fink tally Econo Receipts at KUUF office (Bill Fink Photo)

Econo Receipts Collection Returns \$332 into KUUF Accounts

Since 2015 KUUF has submitted receipts totaling \$246,874, equaling \$2,469 of income to our general fund. The Adding Machine crew competed to tally the smallest financial receipt, which was 89 cents.

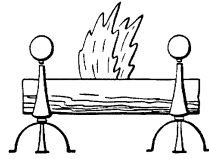
The best practice for submitting slips in the collection jug is to not roll them but rather fold them flat. Highlighting the total on each receipt with a *Highlighter* pen would also be helpful.

Thanks to all who participated in this generous opportunity provided by Tadych's Econo Foods. Note: Lynn Anderson is the new Econo Receipts collector.



The 2019 KUUF Canvass: Re-Kindling Our Flame; Continuing Our Legacy

We are so fortunate for all these years, to gather all the financial support for our congregation from members and friends. During the month of April we will be conducting the annual canvass campaign to, once again, ask for your pledge of support for the coming fiscal year.



Knowing what financial donations we can anticipate during the program year of June '19 to May '20, allows the board and finance committee to plan the coming year.

Our canvass goal is \$80,000. You will receive a mailing in the first days of the month with canvass materials. A "pledge box" will be available on Sunday mornings during April for you to drop-off your pledge form. You can also mail or email your reply.

For more detailed information on the proposed budget, a description of new initiatives and a helpful guide from UUA for considering what you might give, go to the Members Only content section of the website and click on 2019 Canvass. Watch the exciting report of the growing total each week at Sunday service.

Thank you everyone for your generous contributions of dollars, time and talent to sustain our beloved

Barry Elizabeth Fink, 2019 Canvassing Chair

Family Fun Night coming April 27th

The Children's RE Committee invites the congregation to Eco-Fever! on April 27. This will be our first Family Fun Night and we hope to have a big turnout by congregation members.

This new RE outreach effort is meant to introduce families to the good things going on at KUUF. Rachel McDonald will start the evening with a family nature walk. Miriam Pickens will lead a children's arts & crafts activity, which will be followed by a pot-luck dinner and music by The Backroom Boys. If you would like to help, please contact Miriam; we'll have a sign-up sheet for the pot-luck and for helpers. This event will be open to the public, so feel free to invite

friends and neighbors. Eco-Fever! A Family Fun Night April 27 from 4-7pm at BHK.

Board Approves 2019 Strategic Plan Goals

- *KUUF will maintain consistent and effective ministerial services.*
- *KUUF will increase membership size and diversity.*
- *KUUF will enhance management and administrative systems.*
- *KUUF members will continue and expand caring for each other.*
- *KUUF members individually and collectively will express through action UU values in the broader community.*
- *KUUF will create space for personal and collective search for meaning.*

With the Board's approval of the goals (above), the Strategic Planning Task Force will now begin the process of attaching action plans and success measurements to each goal.

The task force will be reaching out to the Fellowship for input in the development of the action plans by enlisting the help of members from the various committees that are part of KUUF.

In the next step the task force will assemble the action plans and present them to the board for approval.

Save the date: July 20. A KUUF Women's Retreat led by Rev. Laurie Bushbaum, the time and location to be announced later.

Green Bay Fellowship Recommends MAPS

Submitted by Damian Bozzacco, from the Green Bay UU Fellowship

Renia Pruchnicki recently gave a sermon to the Green Bay UU fellowship on MAPS, the *Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary*.

MAPS is a treaty proposed before the United Nations that declares the Arctic Ocean north of the Arctic Circle an international peace park, free from exploitation of all kinds, in perpetuity. It

stops all activity in the Arctic Ocean that harms the melting polar ice, and ensures the regeneration of this essential ecosystem.

Because the melting polar ice is a global crisis, it affects everyone on the planet - not just those who live in or proximate to the Arctic.

In order to make MAPS a reality, it must be ratified by 99 UN member states.

For more information about MAPS, please visit <https://parvati.org/maps/>. Obviously, this has direct ties to the UU 7th Principle - Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part - and is also relevant in the context of several other UU Principles.

Book Review Section

***Infinity in Your Hand: A Guide for the Spiritually Curious*, 2nd edition.** By William H. Houff, 229 pages. Now in the KUUF Library.

Have you ever taken the time to ponder your spirituality? If so, then you might be interested in this month's book selection. The author, a UU minister, has significant writing experience, and wrote the book for the serious spiritual pilgrim, believing that spiritual growth remains intensely personal.

In a sample chapter, "Self-Discovery," Author Houff asks, "Who am I?" Self-discovery represents the ultimate spiritual task. The quest for it can be difficult, requiring discipline, dedication, but also letting go and waiting—on our search for something not limited by space and time. We need to be gentle and patient on our spiritual quest, Houff says.

Enlightenment often comes when least expected. There are three "practical rules" for the authentic spiritual life: to pay attention, to love, and to encourage nonattachment.

In the chapter "From the Sublime to the Ridiculous," Houff describes the importance of a sense of humor, and relates an anecdote. While attending a serious ministers' meeting, he blurted out, "Look! It's a joke; it's all a cosmic joke. Whatever we conclude will be in error, and in the great scheme of things, it won't matter." He later writes, "What else can one do but laugh?" Humor can save us from pride. _Bob Fiandt

The Born Again Skeptic's Guide to the Bible, by Ruth Hermance Green. Published by **Freedom From Religion Foundation**, Madison WI
Submitted by Chuck Young. The excerpt below is from the book's foreword.

Suppose you had never heard of Christianity, and that next Sunday morning a stranger standing in a pulpit told you about a book whose authors could not be authenticated and whose contents, written hundreds of years ago, included blood-curdling legends of slaughter and intrigue and fables about unnatural happenings such as virgin births, devils that inhabit human bodies and talk, people rising from the dead and ascending live into the clouds, and suns that stand still.

Suppose he then asked you to believe that an uneducated man described in that book was a god who could get you into an eternal fantasy-place called Heaven when you die.

Would you, as an intelligent rational person, even bother to read such nonsense, let alone pattern your entire life upon it?



KUUF Experiments with New PA System

When the BHK public address system quit working recently, lay-minister, Paul Mitchell,

and local sound expert, Dave Rulison, began hunting for something dependable.

They installed a speaker/amp atop the east cabinets just above the rainbow flag, and a mixer just behind the podium. The photo shows Paul unplugging the speaker power while he makes some adjustments.

The system may need tweaking, but no one will complain about Paul and Dave's efforts to help us obtain reliable, effective sound equipment.



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Koffee Klatsch: Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. Roy's Bakery, just west of the Bridge. This month's Klatsches: 4/12 & 26.



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