



# yUUper Newsletter

**Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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



**Sunday Mornings at 10:30 July 2019; Vol. 34, #7**

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

## Sunday Schedule for July 2019

### July 7: Paul will lead us in a Flower Communion.

The Flower Communion is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community.

Created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek [KAH-peck] of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the US by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow.

In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower, placing it on the altar or in a shared vase. After the congregation and minister bless the flowers, they are redistributed. Each of us will take home a different flower than the one brought. Bring a flower and join us! (If you forget to bring a flower, we will have enough extras.)

### July 14: (Forum) *YOUTHAI TI (Youth+ Haiti)*.

The Marquette UU Congregation has committed to working with *Youthaita*, a Haitian-led organization operating in rural parts of that impoverished country. A multigenerational group will be traveling there to serve the people of Duchity in the Spring of 2021. This follows a commitment to our 6th Principle: "Improving the global community."

In this forum, members from the Marquette UU "Helping in Haiti 2021" team will describe Youthaiti work, background on Haitian history, and Marquette's participation in this program.

### July 21: Rev. Laurie Bushbaum, guest minister, will present "**A Thousand Paths to Power.**"

Blurb: A folktale about a stonecutter and the words of black feminist writer Adrienne Maree Brown create a juxtaposition about power. Is it good? Bad? What are its sources and expressions? Those who are accustomed to the inheritors of power must work at learning other ways of understanding power.

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum is a UU minister from Minneapolis who is taking a break from many years of Parish Ministry to explore the power of art and her sewing machine. Currently, she teaches sewing to the homeless, those in shelters, recent immigrants, and as part of a few non-profits that serve those in need. She will be in Houghton for a long weekend leading the women's retreat, teaching a class on landscape quilting, and preaching here on Sunday morning.

**Potluck Sunday. Bring a dish to pass**

### July 28: Paul will speak on **Intersectionality and Our Faith**

We will start with stories of the experience of intersectionality shared by KUUF member Jessica Anderson. We'll review a working definition of intersectionality and conclude with developing an understanding of how intersectionality informs the present and future of our faith.

Note: See the special adult RE meeting on Intersectionality, described on page 2.



### **Barry Pegg Memorial Service Set for 4 PM on Saturday, July 20th**

This event is planned for the BHK community room. Watch for an announcement in the weekly KUUF Bulletin in case the location changes.

Barry, who died last January in Portland, Oregon, was a long-time member of KUUF. His bass voice was a welcome addition to our choir, and his droll sense of humor and ability to find (and sing) comic songs and poems enlivened many KUUF services.

### **Women's Retreat with Rev. Bushbaum Set for Saturday, July 20th**

The retreat will begin around 9 am at BHK and run till 3:15.

The morning will feature a UU service followed by a workshop on pop-up books. The afternoon workshop will focus on making nested boxes.

Music will be incorporated into the service, and a lunch by Keweenaw Co-op will cost \$12, negotiable.

Email [mpickens1@charter.net](mailto:mpickens1@charter.net) by July 10, if possible, so Laurie knows how much material to bring with her.



*Laurie Bushbaum*

### **Mug Painting Event on July 27 to Help Fund Green Film Series**

Join Green Sanctuary supporters and paint a mug at BHK on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Make out your \$15 check donation to Green Sanctuary for supplies.

### **Adult Faith Development on Intersectionality to Meet Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30**

What is intersectionality?

On Wednesday, July 24, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the KUUF Office, KUUF will hold a facilitated discussion on intersectionality.

The group will also watch a TED Talk from Dr. Kimberlee Crenshaw, the originator of the term.

The evening will be co-facilitated by KUUF member Jessica Anderson and Paul Mitchell.

### **KUUF Mulls Possible Community Project(s)**

After the service on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, thirty fellowship members remained to discuss a possible community project.

Lay Minister Paul Mitchell explained that working as a UU group on one or more community projects will offer several advantages.

One is that by interacting with the local community KUUF members might be able to overcome confusion about UU beliefs and demonstrate our ideals. In his sermon during the Sunday service, before the meeting, Paul read a few lines from a Spokane newspaper article that said UUs are informed by an atheist perspective. While many UUs are indeed atheists, this statement adds more confusion than clarity to an understanding of the UU perspective.

Probably, Paul said, many in our community are similarly unsure of the KUUF perspective on life and religious values. "UU is not well known across the Midwest. These projects offer an opportunity to sustain and expand our outreach in a non-evangelizing way. We need a way to help the community, and to help ourselves."

The thirty members at this first meeting seemed to agree on the usefulness of a project but selecting a topic will be a challenge. Among other concerns, a topic must be useful to the community, yet not currently being handled by another group.

One possibility concerns food insecurity: providing a broader menu to the area. Local food

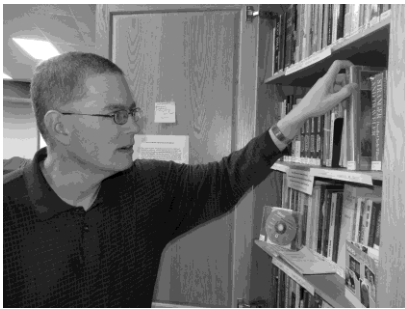
pantries rely on canned and packaged goods, not fresh food.

A second meeting following the July 7<sup>th</sup> service will continue this topic selection, followed by planning to determine who will do what tasks.

Whatever the group chooses should be an enduring project continuing indefinitely into the future.

"KUUF Projects," Paul explains, "will help others as well as develop a relationship that will be transformative."

How much do you *really* know about your UU beliefs?



What are your UU *elevator speech* skills?

*Bob Fiandt, KUUF  
librarian*

### **The UU Pocket Guide**

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism from a source updated with the latest information?

If so, then you will be interested in a book, just published this year, that we have added to our library:

*The UU Pocket Guide*, edited by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, the current president of the UU Association.

The back-cover blurb describes the book's usefulness: "The most complete introduction to Unitarian Universalism available, covering ministry, worship, religious education, social justice, community, and history.

Extensively revised, the sixth edition prepares readers with resources and information for this crucial moment in Unitarian Universalism. It also gives voice to many individual Unitarian Universalists—people of all ages, coming from many backgrounds, and holding many beliefs—as they share their personal and deeply heartfelt testimonies."

This slim volume (117 pages) contains information that few of us will recall ever reading before. We have two copies in our library of this outstanding book.

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Koffee Klatsch: Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. Roy's Bakery. For July, these dates will be the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



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