

# yUUper Newsletter

# Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

**Sunday Mornings at 10:30** 

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



## **Sunday Schedule for October 2019**

**Oct 6:** Wil Shapton will read a **FaithRocket Sermon, "Desire as our Guide,"** by Darcey Laine. It deals with how our "heart's desires" relate to spiritual practice.

Oct 13: Indigenous People's Day. Jerry Jondreau of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Katy Bressette of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe will present "Original Instructions- Ojibwe Stories and Perspectives about our Earth and our Responsibilities." Bob Wheeler moderates.

**Oct 20: Local Foods.** Paul and Carol Ekstrom will discuss the importance of feeding ourselves with locally-made foods. Potluck today: try to bring locally-made foods.

**Oct 27:** Rachel McDonald will lead us in a **Festival of Light**. We will search for and celebrate sources of light in our lives before darkness settles on us.

## **Memorial Services Set for Jim Boyce**

The memorial service for long-time KUUF member and organizer Jim Boyce will be held on Saturday, October 12 at our BHK Meeting Hall. It will begin at 11:00 am.

KUUF members are asked to bring finger foods to the service.

The family asks that any memorial donations be made to the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Boyce Scholarship Fund. Write checks Boyce Scholarship" on the memo line of your check made out to "KUUF."

### Willie Melton Memorial Service Set for Saturday, October 5th

The memorial service for Social Science Emeritus Professor Willie Melton will be held at 11 am in the Rozsa Center on October 5th. Visitation begins at 10 am.

# Little Brothers Requests Jams/Jellies Donations for Holiday Packages

KUUF will once again donate 24 jars of jams and jelly to Little Brothers for the Christmas boxes they distribute in December. Please bring a jar of commercially made (not homemade) jam or jelly to a Sunday service in October. A collection box will be available in the vestibule.

Suggestion: The Dollar Store across M-26 from Wal-Mart usually sells these. If you forget, give a donation to Barry Fink or Jack Jobst, and one of them will make the purchase for you.

#### Childrens RE Committee Makes Plans

On October 11<sup>th</sup> the children will visit the clay shop at the Arts Center in Hancock from 11-1. This event can handle a maximum of eight children; to sign up, or receive further info, contact Miriam Pickens: 482-8893; *mpickens1@charter.net*.

The RE Committee is checking the possibility of a class in January on OWL (*Our While Lives*), a series of age-appropriate sexuality education curricula, developed jointly by the UU Association and the United Church of Christ, for a number of different age groups. The program would be run by Jennifer Rachels, a credentialed teacher of the OWL programs, from Temple Jacob.

## October 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Service Celebrates Local Foods Harvest

Local foods are delicious, nutritious, and readily available. KUUF will celebrate their bounty with a local foods potluck at BHK on Sunday, October 20, after the service.



Please bring a dish made from seasonal, local foods such as beets, bell peppers, brussel sprouts, butternut squash, carrots, cabbage,

cauliflower, celery, eggplant, kale, leeks, shrooms, potatoes, spinach, apples, cantaloupe, grapes, pears and watermelon. Label your dish, so fellow eaters will know what's in it.

Sources for these foods are the Keweenaw Coop and Tadych's Econofoods in Houghton, and Peterson's Fish Market in Hancock, which carries locally caught seafood.

Other possibilities are

- Baraga County Farmers' Market, open 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays on US-41.
- Downtown Houghton Farmers' Market, 4-6 Tuesdays on the parking deck.
- Hancock Tori may be closed by October, but check the old Hancock Middle School, Wednesdays.
- Lake Linden Farmer's Market, 10-2 on Saturdays at the Village Park.



# Mug Project Update

The mug project produced many masterpieces, and it raised \$400 for the Green Film Series.

A big **Thanks** to Miriam Pickens

for making this creative, enjoyable project possible.

### Julie Badel Joins KUUF



Julie Badel signs the KUUF Membership Book in late August as Board Member, Jenn Donovan looks on. Photo by JJ.

Here is Julie's story: "My mother was born in Tapiola and met my father in Chicago, where I

was born and raised and where I have lived most of my adult life. I have been coming to the Copper Country as long as I can recall, and it is truly my favorite place on earth.

"I attended a Unitarian (I don't think there was a Universalist component back then) church sporadically in college. My late husband and I were married in the Unitarian Church of Evanston (the suburb immediately north of Chicago) many years ago.

"I have been practicing law in Chicago for 40 or so years as a labor and employment lawyer (discrimination, harassment, wage-hour, union) on the management side. I retired this spring. I am licensed to practice in both Illinois and Michigan.

"My long-time partner, Russ Kratowicz, and I live in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago in a turn of the (last) century house, 5 houses from the lake, with our three rescue and shelter German Shepherd dogs, Gabe (age 12), Sara (age 8) and Jake (age 1).

"Although I have owned a cottage in the U.P. since the 1980s, we bought a house on Huron Bay (between L'Anse and Skanee) in 2003 with the intention of using it as a vacation home immediately and eventually as a retirement home. Russ has some medical issues that require treatment in Chicago, but my hope is to spend at least the summer and fall in the U.P."

-Julie Badel

# Chalice Lighters Organization Reveals New Methods

Our goal is to reformulate the program so that congregations can receive even larger grants for starting new fellowships, acquiring meeting space, securing a minister, religious educator, or other professional staff, or providing for outreach and public relations.

Smaller grants will still be available in the form of contributions of up to \$1000 to Faithify campaigns (visit https://faithify.org for more information on how Faithify is crowdfunding Unitarian Universalism).

So, for the 2019 Spring Call—the last call to give out multiple grants—the MidAmerica Region Chalice Lighter Committee is pleased to announce that these three congregations have been chosen to receive Chalice Lighter grants:

- The Hopedale UU Community in Oxford, Ohio, to assist the congregation in completing basic renovation improvements in their basement religious education area.
- The Berrien UU Fellowship in St Joseph, Michigan, to invest in their music ministry by increasing the music budget and creating a paid Music Director position.
- The All Souls Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to reach out to the greater community by providing a way to strengthen people's faith by making available a labyrinth for them to explore in a quiet environment.

# **Biographies in the KUUF Library**

Compiled by Bob Fiandt Here is a brief list of the biographies and obiographies that we have in our KUUF

autobiographies that we have in our KUUF library. All books represent biographies unless otherwise indicated.

• Olympia Brown—Universalist, first fulltime female ordained minister in America, and a leading suffragist.

- William Ellery Channing—considered the foremost Unitarian minister in early 19th century America.
- Frank Church—American politician, lawyer, and senator from Idaho.
- A. Powell Davies—Unitarian minister, highly acclaimed orator, and eminent social activist.
- Dorothea Dix—American advocate on behalf of the impoverished mentally ill, and helped develop the first American mental asylums.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson—American
   Unitarian minister, essayist, poet, philosopher, and lecturer.
- Sophia Lyon Fahs—leader of a revolution in Unitarian religious education.
- Harriet Grace Hayden—KUUF member and mother of KUUF member Bill Leder.
- Tom Hoornstra—KUUF member; his poetry book has significant autobiographical content.
- Cookie Johnson—KUUF member; her autobiography discusses her battle with brain cancer.
- Anita Trueman Pickett—American Unitarian minister, and novelist.
- Joseph Priestley—English theologian, philosopher, and scientist, credited with the discovery of oxygen (two biographies by separate authors).
- Clinton Lee Scott—American Universalist minister and a leading pacifist.
- Henry David Thoreau—autobiography of an American essayist, poet, and "practical" philosopher.
- Universalist and Unitarian women ministers—collection of biographies.
   All of these books are ready for check-out from our library.

#### Letters to the Editor

Thank you to KUUF for the larger chairs in the meeting space. I feel very welcomed and comfortable. Great idea and helpful follow through. Happy!

\_Harriet King

Let's Carpool!



Finding Fresh Fall Footpaths to Fellowship.

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http://www.keweenawuu.org/

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

**Koffee Klatsch:** Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. Roy's Bakery. These fall on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Video Learning:** Several members meet on Fridays from 11 to 1 (bring a lunch) in the KUUF office and watch a video from the Great Teachers series. Currently we are viewing "The Apocalyptic Jesus," what the books NOT in the Bible tell us about this religious leader. Everyone welcome.



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Mug Project picture #2, with Barry Fink and Janeen Stephenson.