



# yUUpper Newsletter

**Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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



**Sunday Mornings at 10:30 March 2020; Vol. 35, #3**

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

## Sunday Schedule for March 2020

### March 1: Miracles Make You Happy

I was having dinner with young friends, and they said "miracles make you happy." Sounded like a good thing. Let's talk about miracles and figure out if we can be happy because of them. \_Paul.

**March 8: Forum. "Polyvagal Theory, or How Stress and Trauma Work on Us,"** with Rich Featherly. Understanding the neurobiology of stress and trauma may explain many of our physical and mental health problems. Rich will show the ways we accumulate stress and how it affects our body, our behavior and emotions.

Rich Featherly, a Behavioral Health counselor at Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center in Calumet, has visited us before to discuss the Quaker religion.

### March 15: Humanism and Unitarian

**Universalism.** The signers of the first Humanist Manifesto of 1933, Paul says, attempted to state in fifteen brief points what a humanist religious perspective had to say about the major questions of humanity's origin, purpose and place in the universe. Two updates have followed since then; we shall look at the three. **Potluck today!** Bring a plate to pass.

### March 22: Revitalizing Our Covenant.

We can celebrate that the passing of the equinox provides us the chance to look at our covenant in the light of day! We'll talk about our status as a covenantal faith and about our Fellowship's covenant. Ours is not simply a behavioral covenant it's also an aspirational covenant. We'll

talk through all of this and maybe get a chance to look at a revitalized draft of our Fellowship's Covenant.

**NOTE:** KUUF Board meets today at 1.

**March 29: We Make A Difference.** Numerous good reasons indicate why we should support our annual canvass. They all revolve around understanding that we make a difference, and we need to continue to make a difference. We'll kick off our annual canvass this Sunday.

## Plan Now to Attend This Year's 7+ Supper, March 24th or 27th



Once every winter, KUUF members gather in groups of about 7 in private homes for a night of good fellowship and soul-warming shared food.

You may sign up for either Tuesday March 24, or Friday March 27.

To participate, either as host or attending, look for the sign-up sheets at Sunday services, or email Lora or Miriam: [lorarep@yahoo.com](mailto:lorarep@yahoo.com) or [mpickens1@charter.net](mailto:mpickens1@charter.net).

## The 2020 Canvass Committee Prepares to *Make a Difference!*

This year's financial canvass will explore the ways that KUUF *makes a difference* in this community as well as in the lives of its members.

The Canvass officially kicks off on Sunday, March 29. Final results will be announced Sunday, May 3. The Fellowship relies on the canvass contributions for making KUUF function in its entirety.



The committee (Lora Repp, chair; Barry Fink; Elen Maurer; and Paul [ex-officio]) will supply more information in the next newsletter.

## "Movie Mondays" to begin April 13<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Movie Mondays at the KUUF office. Once each month we'll share a potluck + movie event in our KUUF office space.

We want to choose movies that will be engaging and prompt an exploration and discussion of our UU values.



This will kick off with a suggestion by Bob Drake, *The Enemy in Our Midst: Nazi Prisoner of War Camps in Michigan's Upper Peninsula*. This is a locally produced documentary about

the little-known POW camps in the UP. It will be featured on April 13, with a potluck starting at 5:30, movie at 6pm.

Our second movie, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, will be *Biggest Little Farm*, an adorable, humorous and highly

rated film about a young couple trying to start a sustainable farm in California.

We are seeking suggestions for additional movies to provide a large pool from which to choose. These suggestions can be emailed to Lora or Miriam: [lorarep@yahoo.com](mailto:lorarep@yahoo.com) or [mpickens1@charter.net](mailto:mpickens1@charter.net).

## Finance Committee Gears Up for Next Annual Budget

With June 1<sup>st</sup> beginning a new KUUF fiscal year, the Finance Committee must be ready with a proposed annual budget.

The Committee will be meeting in early March to complete a draft that will go to the Board for review. This amount is important to the Canvass Committee for setting its financial goals.

Everyone who uses Fellowship funds should complete a budget submittal. The forms are on the *Members Only* portion of the KUUF web page. Click on "2020 Canvass" in the upper left corner.

NOTE: Budget inputs are due by March 2.

If you have a request please submit it to Bill Leder or call him with questions or concerns ([bleder@charter.net](mailto:bleder@charter.net); 482-0158).

## John Haro's Son, Alex, Sends Update on His Father's Health

Long-time KUUF Associate Member, John Haro, remains in Phoenix, AZ doing fairly well, according to his son, Alex Haro.

John's wife, Betty, died in March of 2019.

Alex reports that his dad, who is in his 90s, is "doing OK, but he is wheelchair-bound and suffering from modest dementia. He has his own apartment and has many of his paintings, drawings, etc. with him."

John appreciates letters and photos. His address is

John C. Haro  
Sagewood Memory Care, Apt. 16168A  
4555 East Mayo Blvd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85050

## Membership Committee Produces Annual KUUF Count

Submitted by Linda Belote

Every January the UUA asks KUUF to submit some data about the preceding calendar year.

- Number of active (voting) members,
- Number of (non-voting) friends and the
- Average number of people in attendance.

An active member is someone who contributes to the Fellowship, above attendance at the Sunday service. This contribution can be made of time, talent and/or treasure. Time and talent include participation in conducting a service, serving on a committee, assisting with hospitality, attending and participating in KUUF events outside of the Sunday service, etc.

Our collector, Harriet King, advises the committee as to whether members have made a financial contribution (any amount).

	2019	2018
Active Members	80	82
Friends	25	23
Average Attendance	42	38

## KUUF Board of Trustees Meets, Sends Highlights of January Meeting

Submitted by Elen Maurer

The Fellowship Board met Sunday January 26. Highlights of the substantial agenda included a review of the Website Use survey results. The Publicity Committee will begin work on site updates.

To keep a feature of the website relevant, the Board reminds everyone to send event and meeting dates to Martha for inclusion on the calendar.

The board considered how to increase direct communication with committees to address needs proactively and coordinate essential duties.

With many more winter days ahead, the Board encourages all members to use good sense and caution when traveling to services and functions. If inclement weather forces the

cancellation of Sunday services an email notification will be sent.

## Dare to Share Program Continues

Dare to Share is a program of member sharing their goods and services; it is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary group. The current Dare to Share list will be available for additions, corrections, and deletions every Sunday during March. Please check the list!

One copy will be on the entry hall table. A second copy will be on the tables by the windows. If you wish to make changes, please pencil them in neatly so they may be easily deciphered. Changes may also be made via e-mail with Jan Dalquist ([jgdalquist@gmail.com](mailto:jgdalquist@gmail.com)).

Items and services on the list include, among many others, entertainment equipment, vehicles, outdoor and camping gear, medical devices, and the "Grandparent's Closet."

This service stems from a presentation on "Collaborative Consumption" given by former KUUF president Amlan Murkerjee in 2014.

## Newsletter Editor Reveals Answer to February Error Contest

The error was in the banner: instead of "February," the banner said "Nov." Bill Fink was the only reader who spotted it; he graciously declined the free lunch with the staff.

## Gender Groups Meeting in March

**Women:** March 12, 5:15PM, Carol Ekstrom's house.

**Men:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am, Jack Jobst's house.

## New KUUF Member

William Shapton, son of Will and Martha Shapton, joined the Fellowship in January.

**March Sustainability film,** selected to celebrate *World Water Day*, is called "Saving Snow" (57 min.). 7pm, Forestry Building at Tech.



## Sunday Hospitality Update

Submitted by Miriam Pickens

Since the Annual meeting last June, 35 congregants have signed up for hospitality. Five volunteers during that eight-month period signed up four or more times, and Chuck Young was the top volunteer.



I am so happy to see many people pitching in to help when they see a need. Kudos to Paul, Miyoko, and Jessica for all the help they regularly provide.

This fall, the Green Sanctuary Committee and the Women involved in the Solstice Celebration each performed hospitality for the day of their services. This gave them complete control over the set-up. I would love to see more committees taking responsibility for hospitality days. This could be worked into a Saturday or Sunday afternoon meeting or activity. Hospitality is now overseen by the Worship Committee

The Fellowship has also enjoyed Saturday evening potlucks with visiting speakers, which ends in setting up the room for Sunday. That gives the speaker a chance to check out the facility and the layout.

The hospitality manual has been completely revamped with a few new guidelines that are easy to follow. If you lack experience with the sound system, just bring out the cart with the speaker, and Paul or one of his crew will set it up.

The hospitality coordinator is grateful for all of our volunteers and hope that they continue to sign up. If you haven't done hospitality recently and aren't sure of the process, I'll help you find an experienced person to work with you.

If you love to bake and prepare veggies but can't handle the chairs, let me know and I'll find a partner who likes to move chairs.

Keep in mind that the snacks are not a meal, so it's not required to do baking, and it's intended to be simple.

### Keweenaw UU Fellowship

**Home Page:** <http://www.keweenawuu.org/>

**On Facebook:**

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

**Koffee Klatsch:** Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. Roy's Bakery. Dates this month are April 10th and 24th.



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