

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns

Bozena Gardner has received a serious health diagnosis. She is home from rehab and would love to have visitors. Please reach out to her at 832.585.4085 to arrange a visit or chat over the phone.

To share a joy or concert visit www.northwoodsuu.org/support.

Adult Forum, Sunday August 4: SEE Justice Mission Statement

Imagine a time when you took part in a social justice action - Volunteering, helping, or participating in a cause. *How did you feel in that moment? What stood out for you?* These are the kinds of questions we ask in the “Discovery” phase of an Appreciative Inquiry process. Join us after the service on August 4 to work to create a mission statement for our Social, Environmental and Economic Justice Ministry.

Wishes and Wins!

Several people have helped Ro Singleton in the aftermath of Beryl. Marci Clark visited, brought food and organized yard clean up. Sue Ridgway picked Ro up and took him over to Bransonbergers' house where there was electricity and AC. Molli McMills, Will Arenas, and Karl Mueller helped with yard clean up. Greg and Celeste McDonell visited and brought food.

If you have a need (wish) or would like to celebrate a win, send it to office@northwoodsuu.org.

Escape the Summer Heat with a Cool BLOOM! Event: Shazaam!

Shazam! is an interactive game where you compete against the clock and against each other as you attempt to identify the biggest hit songs of all time for prizes and bragging rights. Prizes will be given for fastest song identification of the night, most songs identified, and living under a rock (least correct identifications). Come show off your musical knowledge or come confident with random guesses! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Event at



Northwoods. DATE: Saturday, August 3, 2024 - 7:00 PM.

HOSTED BY: Monica Foy and Kathryn Donohue. (\$20.)

Scan to sign up!

Visitors! Welcome! We are so glad you're here. Stop by the visitors' table in the foyer to tell us a little about you, & scan this QR code to learn a little more about us.



NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY,

SPIRITED SEARCHING,

COURAGEOUS ACTIONS.

TODAY AT NORTHWOODS

July 28, 2024

LOVE IS CALLING

Scholar Cornel West tells us that “justice is what love looks like in public,” and the work of justice has shaped this faith, from its Unitarian and Universalist ancestors to this current moment. In a world where “justice” can be used as a tool for liberation as well as a cloak for oppression, our spiritual grounding offers an orientation toward justice that is needed now as much as ever. (This service continues our current worship series exploring the values articulated in the revised Article II.)

By Rev. Sarah Prickett

Music by Willie B and Molli McMills, Craig Boeker, Karl Mueller and Rusty Rhoad, featuring Matthew and Sara DaSilva and Jess and Dustin Jones

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ALSO THIS SUNDAY:

SEE Justice Forum: Ejaculate Responsibly

After the service, join us via Zoom and in the Garden Room on for a discussion of the book- EJACULATE RESPONSIBLY. All are invited even if you haven't read the short book. The Reproductive Justice team shared some readings from it in May. We will have a lively discussion at this 4th Sunday SEE Justice forum.

About the book: In a series of 28 brief arguments, author Gabrielle Blair deftly makes the case for moving the abortion debate away from controlling and legislating women's bodies.

INVITATION TO BREATHE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Magic Song by Molli McMills and Willie B

*CHALICE LIGHTING

We light the chalice,
the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith,
as a beacon of hope for all who seek
justice, dignity, and compassion,
and in celebration of the life of truth
and meaning that we share together.

HYMN Lean on Me by Bill Withers

*AFFIRMATION

Love is the Spirit of this church and service its gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CENTERING Spirit of Life, Hymn 123

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand,
giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free,
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

READING

OFFERING

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ANTHEM A Safe Place to Land by Sara Bareilles

HOMILY

*HYMN Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan

*BENEDICTION

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until
we are together again.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE Where is the Love by The Black Eyed Peas

*Please rise in body or spirit
Scan the QR Code for lyrics.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our class this week will be in room 10 . Children and youth will begin the worship service with their parents in the sanctuary and leave after the Time For All Ages. Jamie Thompson, one of our resident artists, will work with everyone to create a group art project titled "Catching Light".

Options for Younger Children: Children age 2-3 years of age can be dropped off in our childcare room for Chalice Children activities, or families can watch the service from the Family Room. Families are also welcome to keep young children at the front of the sanctuary in the Wee Worship.