#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Everyone On Board in the Kitchen!**

We now have a home school group RENTING THE KITCHEN on Tuesdays. To make the kitchen as welcoming as possible please: *Do not leave dishes in the sink on Sunday. If the dishwasher is already going, please wash your dishes and put them away.* 

### Women's Choir

Kasia Montgomery will be organizing a second Women's Choir, to perform on the first Sunday in February. Rehearsals will be once a week for about a month prior to the performance. Female instrumentalists are needed! Please get in touch with Kasia if you can volunteer your talents! (Kasia: 832-942-3311 or kasia@lenio.net.)

# Mother's Group - First and Third Monday from 6-8pm

The Mother's Group meets twice a month now - on the first Monday of the month for support, and on the third Monday for a more structured discussion. We will have childcare available, please RSVP for childcare if possible. (In the Garden Room.)

# All Good Things Must Come to an End

The Northwoods Art Gallery has been up and running for many years now, but the founding group is winding down. New people with fresh vision need to step forward to carry the torch. If you have a heart for keeping art alive inside the walls of Northwoods please contact Jamie to let her know. (office@northwoodsuu.org.)

# Joys and Concerns, Wishes and Wins

To share a joy or concert visit www.northwoodsuu.org/support. Join us in sending love to members Cindy and Morris Forbes, who will soon be returning to our sister congregation, Bay Area UU Church in Clear Lake City, TX.

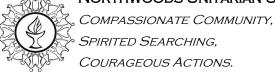
Dorothy Kennedy has begun her cancer treatment plan. She appreciates your love and support.

We will gather for a celebration of life for Bozena Gardner on Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Northwoods.



Save the Date: Chili Cook Off - Sunday, September 29 Get your best chili recipe out of your recipe box - Our annual service auction kick off event is coming soon! Prizes will be awarded! Scan the QR code to enter!

#### NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH



# TODAY AT NORTHWOODS September 8, 2024

# HAPPINESS IS NOT AN INSIDE JOB

This Sunday, join us to explore co-creating a more supportive and joyful journey. We'll consider the narrative of happiness as a personal pursuit and leave with a few practical strategies to cultivate happiness in our lives and communities.

# By Rev. Sarah Prickett With music by Folk Choir

Our church services may involve photography and/or video recordings which may contain your likeness. By attending, you consent to the photography, recording, distribution or any other lawful use of the materials and waive any and all rights you may have in connection with such materials.

# ALSO THIS SUNDAY:

# **Sociocracy Town Hall**

After service today, stay for the sociocracy Town Hall in the Sanctuary. It will begin promptly at 12. This governance change would require a bylaws revision, so your involvement is important.

**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.



ORDER OF SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

INVITATION TO BREATHE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

PRELUDE It Only Happens When it Rains, by Garbage

#### \*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

When the Spirit Says Do, Hymn 1024

#### \*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.

## **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

#### 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

### **READINGS**

### **OFFERING**

To donate by text, text your donation amount to 844-328-9670. Your donations are gratefully received.

**ANTHEM** The Secret of Happiness, from Daddy Long Legs

**SERMON** 

\*CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World, by Three Dog Night

\*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 Numb, Lincon Park

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Today is our FIRST DAY OF FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES!!! We are also having our first Parent Meeting after service in Room 10. Please come and share your ideas in our beginning projects for the year. All voices are needed and valued. Childcare will be provided.

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.