

# LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP



*A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship*

## JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Dick Urban  
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### WELCOME 2025



January 5

**"Growing Older, but not Old"**  
Jim Dolan

Over the past decades, Ageism has become a larger problem than aging itself. Society only accepts two narratives of aging--stories of decline or progress, neither of which do justice to the complexities of aging. We can't avoid the physical aging of our bodies, but we can certainly make the effort to remain young in heart and mind by calling upon that child within each of us.

Jim is not only a well-known artist, but he's a member of the fellowship.

January 12  
**"Storytelling"**  
Carrie Arnold

Liturgical songwriter Marty Haugen has written a treasure trove of hymns and songs. One of my favorites, "The Storyteller," begins with these words, "The storyteller spins a web of rainbow colors green and red, of brightest yellow deepest blue, of dreams in every shade and hue. A story strange and new.

The moon and stars, the ocean deep, the animals that fly and creep, and stories warm and clear and true of people every shade and hue.

Tales of wonder, tales of laughter and of pain, words that thunder, storms that echo and remain. There is music, there is wisdom for the ones who hear, all who hear, the Storyteller's song..."

What are the stories that have brought richness and wisdom to your life? Let's come together and share the stories of our lives. A story told is wisdom brought to light.

Carie has been a jail chaplain and currently has a house church. She's a regular speaker for LUUF.

January 19

**"Truth and Story"**  
Rev. Tony Larson

Why is it that Truth, by itself, can sometimes miss the mark; but when clothed in Story, can frequently move people to action? In keeping with our January theme, Tony's sermon will address the power of stories to change our lives and even alter how we look at ourselves and the world around us.

Tony is a retired UU minister who speaks regularly for us.

January 26

**"I like it better now"**  
Jim Neilson

The stories beneath, within and behind four amazing works of art and how "true stories" can enrich and renew our appreciation for the meaning and message of these much loved masterpieces.

Jim is an art professor at St. Norbert College and a regular speaker at LUUF. She's one of our regular speakers.

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## LUUF BOARD BRIEFS

Our last board meeting of 2024 was held on December 4th at 09:30. Some of the items that were discussed are the following:

An IT person will be here in a few days to identify what is not working properly in the A/V system and what is needed to correct the issues.

A decision was made to distribute a survey and gather input from the congregation regarding the support of our nonprofit organizations.

There was a discussion about the Heritage Dinner on Soup Sunday which was a fantastic success thanks to all who cooked and participated in the celebration of a wide variety of heritages.

The garden committee is developing a new garden plan.

There was a bake sale that will help support the building of a new warming shelter. Many UU's baked and attended the bake sale, helping to make the event a success, with over \$6,000 raised. Thanks to all who helped.

The board meetings are open and you are welcome to attend. If you have a concern, contact a board member to address the issue. The board members are (Sandy, Kathie, Melody, Patty, Albert, Dick, Linda or Sharon)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Sharon Titel



**A survey regarding our current and future charities we support will take place in January.**

**A copy of the Survey will be located in the Sanctuary each Sunday in January. Thoughts, Ideas, suggestions welcome.**

**If you have questions regarding the survey, please see a board member.**

## LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST (LUUF) LAY MINISTRY

*Theologically, LUUF Lay Ministers are as diverse as Unitarian Universalist among our Lay Ministry you will find a variety of spiritual perspectives and beliefs about the sacred.*

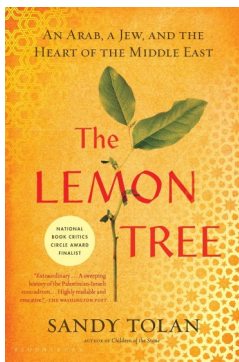
*LUUF Lay Ministers are committed to serving all Fellowship members and friends, with the utmost of compassion and discretion. If you're in need of a good listener, connection, support and/or resources inside, or outside our Fellowship, in times of illness, or another of life's challenges, or to officiate at dedications, weddings, or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following LUUF Lay Ministers:*

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‘Twas a Cold and Windy Night - but, nonetheless, many gathered on the evening of December 13 to stroll Eighth Street and learn interesting facts and colorful tales about the EverGleam Trees gracing the store fronts. Many of us remember “snubbing” these trees when they were first created by the Aluminum Specialty company, but, as we learned from our able and informed - and enthusiastic! - guides, they have reappeared as prized collectors items, and each one has a distinct personality! The evening stirred the Holiday Spirit and many fond memories!

Equally as exhilarating was the Book Chat gathering and discussion of the small and charming book **SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE** by Claire Keegan - proof that Big Things come in Small Packages.



The January Book Chat is scheduled for **JANUARY 20, 2025, at 3:00** at the Fellowship. We’ll be discussing **THE LEMON TREE** by Sandy Tolán, a book subtitled “An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East,” and one that unwraps the confusing and complicated issues that remain today through the lives of two real people. As I write this, the Library has informed me that they have located seven books for our use, but they have not yet been assembled. When I have them I will place them in the Vestibule at the Fellowship with a sign-out sheet and notify all via The Chalice email. There is also a There was also an NPR Documentary from 1998 which you can listen to here:

<https://freshairarchive.org/segments/sandy-tolans-lemon-tree>

And, finally, we are reviving our Friday Morning **WALKS**, as of **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**, at the **CITIZEN PARK SKATE CENTER** on North 18th Street - meeting at 9:30 to start the year on a healthy note, and followed by gathering at the Harmony Cafe for those interested! The facility requests that Walkers bring clean, dry shoes for the walking. You will know if/when you have reached Peak Performance when you can keep up with Kathie F. for 13 laps! See y’All there!





### **Craft/knitting/sewing/crochet group forming**

Interested members of the congregation are invited to join several members for a Wednesday afternoon craft group gathering at the Fellowship.

### **The group will meet on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM**

beginning January 22. You are invited to bring any art form you can easily transport to the gathering: sewing, knitting, crocheting, weaving, jewelry making - whatever your interest. We hope you can join us!



Please join Roger and Claran at their Holiday Open House! We would love to share our holiday decorations with all our friends! Please stop in for a drink, a snack, and a tour of our lovingly decorated home.

**Saturday, January 4th 6-10 pm**

**3353 Kimberly Circle, Manitowoc**





## **BUT WHO'S COUNTING?**

Join Jim & Joan at the Stage Door Pub  
to celebrate Jim's 93 years young.

Sunday, January 26th from 4 – 7



# UUSJ Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

*Advancing UU Values in the Nation's Capitol*



## Unequivocally Scared: The New Reality For Farm Workers

Have you wondered about farm workers' response to the public discourse about mass deportations and tariffs? Are you asking yourself what can be done? What is being planned to help them in light of the incoming administration and its policies? How might the Farm Bill impact these matters?



Join us for a session with **Julie Taylor**, **Executive Director** of the **National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM)**, about the current state of play from the perspective of those working on our farms and with those laborers. If you are concerned about social justice, migrant

solidarity, or economic inequity and want to know more about the intersectionalities and realities for farm workers, attend this talk.

## Sign Up to Join Us Tuesday, January 14

8:00pm ET • 7:00pm CT •

Register at:

[bit.ly/UnequivocallyScared](https://bit.ly/UnequivocallyScared)

# UUSJ Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

*Advancing UU Values in the Nation's Capitol*

Congresswoman  
(and Unitarian Universalist)

Judy Chu

The Path Forward to  
Meet the Moment

**Monday, January 27**

8:00pm ET - 7:00pm CT - 6:00pm MT - 5:00pm PT



**Judy Chu** was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2009. She represents the 28th Congressional District, which includes Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley of southern California.

Rep. Chu currently serves on the powerful **House Ways and Means Committee**, which has jurisdiction over taxes, revenues, Social Security, and Medicare legislation. In that Committee, Rep. Chu is a member of the Subcommittees on Health, which gives her oversight over healthcare reform and crucial safety net programs, Worker and Family Support, and Oversight. She also serves on the **House Small Business Committee**, which has oversight of the Small Business Administration, as well as the **House Budget Committee**.

**This fundraiser event will support UUSJ's work toward mission fulfillment, advancing equitable national policies and actions aligned with UU values through engagement, education, and advocacy as we seek a just, compassionate, and sustainable world community**

Register at: <https://uusj.salsalabs.org/judychu/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c8fb29eb-f803-4606-9850-f77993f50e19>

Building Unity and Wisconsin UU State Action Network (WUUSAN). Building Unity and WUUSAN are partnering to promote Peace, Justice, Sustainability, and Democracy throughout our state.

Save the Dates: January 11-12, 2025  
JANUARY UNITY GATHERING



The main gathering will be held at the *Wisconsin State Capitol* on both Saturday & Sunday and will be linked virtually to similar gatherings around the state. On Saturday evening, there will be a community supper & creative program at *The Crossing - 1127 University Ave.*

During these two days, a wide variety of organizations and individuals will share ideas, strategies, and fellowship for building a more just and livable future. We will collaborate on issues that matter to all of us.

To learn more; sign up for email/text updates; get meeting invites; &/or to become an endorsing partner: [tinyurl.com/JUG-2025-Signup](https://tinyurl.com/JUG-2025-Signup)





# Manitowoc Public Library



## Climate Reality with Jeff Steuer

There are those that believe in climate shift wholeheartedly, while others steadfastly maintain that climate change is a hoax. Seems like finding common ground on the topic is an arduous task, right?

As a first step in bridging the gap, what about an open, data-driven conversation driven by reliable sources? That sound like a good start, doesn't it? That's where **Jeff Steuer's "Climate Reality"** presentation comes into play.

Join us on **Monday, January 20**, from **6-7:30 PM**, in the **Balkansky Community Room** for this thought-provoking program. Because, here's the crux of the issue: What will it take, climate-wise, to bring everyone together under the same tent?

For more information visit MPL at:

<https://www.manitowoclibrary.org/event/climate-reality-jeff-steuer-19865>



Also, Starting on February 3 and every Monday through March is:

## Great Decisions

Additional info on topics of discussion will  
Be provided in the February newsletter.

# LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



**WE ARE:**

**ALL CONNECTED**

**STRONGER TOGETHER**

**LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD**

**CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE  
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH**



We are called to put our UU values and faith into action to build a world that is peaceful, compassionate, just and sustainable.

In the tradition of UU's, our Fellowship, it's members and friends live our UU principals by participating in many social and human concerns endeavors. Social Action is the lifeblood of our Fellowship. It nourishes us spiritually and enriches our community.

LUUF's Social Justice committee sponsors many different ways to make a difference in the world through social justice and community outreach. We work with partners in the community at various concerns throughout the community and are often well represented. We have a strong commitment to social justice, supporting and encouraging our members and friends to be involved in some way with our social justice outreach activities.

Our Fellowship offers members and friends many hands-on opportunities to create social justice

**Hope House of Manitowoc County**



Hope House, a program of Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network and an affiliate of Family Promise, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide immediate shelter and guidance to homeless individuals and families. Contact Kim Everett kimeverett60@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Information and training will be provided.

**InCourage - Domestic Violence Center**

Provides shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and their families, with a commitment to safety, respect and self-determination.



**Painting Pathways**



Painting Pathways Clubhouse empowers adults with diagnosed mental illness by building community, supporting recovery and changing lives.

**Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry (TREP)**

Food assistance for those in need. Serving Two Rivers, Mishicot, and surrounding areas.



**The Haven of Manitowoc County**



The Haven of Manitowoc County provides shelter for homeless men for up to 90 days and offers a program to help them regain their independence

# TREP Food Pantry



Lakeshore UU members and friends will once again collect and donate non-perishable foods to TREP (Two Rivers Economical pantry). Canned, in a jar or boxed food (**NO fresh food items will be accepted**). You'll find a box in the front entryway of the Fellowship beginning Oct. 1st . Please drop off any donations when you arrive for Sunday Services. Melody Hanson has agreed to deliver the donations to TREP. Thank you for your help.

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**Hope House LUUF Evening Host volunteer dates for 2024. Mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Hope House, please contact our coordinator Nancy Slattery at: (920)412-4725**

**2025 dates coming soon.**

**Evening Hosting at Hope House (5-8 pm)**  
 Evening hosts socialize with guests, welcome newcomers, and assist parents with children's needs. Evening hosts may conduct children's activities, help with homework, or assist a guest with a particular need.

**Online training will discuss various topics such as:**  
 How our program works and why it is so effective.  
 How you can volunteer and be a part of helping families become stabilized.  
 Understanding your role as a volunteer.  
 Sensitivity issues to be aware of when volunteering with our families.

**Immediate Wish List Needs Include:**

Kwik Trip gas cards - \$10 or \$20 increment  
 Twin XL size bed sheets

**<https://www.hopehousemc.org/needs-list>**

# PAINTING PATHWAYS WISH LIST



## PPC Wish List!

Donations can be brought to  
1226 Washington Street  
Monday- Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-2

**Art Groups & Planned Programming**

- Lights
- Christmas Tree(s)
- Crayons (broken is fine)
- Sugar
- Old Magazines
- Clear ornaments
- Art Supplies
- Puffy Paint
- Gift Wrap (Holiday)
- Ribbon (fall and Holiday)
- Gift labels (Holiday)
- Pipe cleaners
- Glitter
- Tie Dye Kits
- White T-Shirts (size S-3xl)
- Beads
- Coffee filters

**Supporting Members**

- Warm Blankets
- Pillows
- Hand & feet warmers
- Hygiene products

**Employment**

- Lightly used or new business casual men and women wear.

**Nutrition and fitness**

- 30 Gallon trash bags
- Soup (canned)
- Vegetable oil
- Yoga Mats
- Foam Rollers
- Yoga Bricks
- Dry erase markers

Thank you for donating to Painting Pathways Clubhouse. This helps us with our programming and mission.

# Week of 10/28/2024



## WHY VOLUNTEER AT INCOURAGE?

Choose from a variety of opportunities. We find the right fit for you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Play indoor or outdoor games, do crafts, plan activities with the children
- Teach a craft or skill or share your talents.
- Plan family fun nights, such as game or movie night
- Make a meal or snack
- Assist children with homework.
- Shelter Assistant/Crisis Line:



**MANITOWOC WARMING SHELTER**

*Located inside of First Presbyterian Church*  
 502 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street Manitowoc, WI 54220  
 920.629.5820 [manitowocwarmingshelter@gmail.com](mailto:manitowocwarmingshelter@gmail.com)  
[www.manitowocwarmingshelter.org](http://www.manitowocwarmingshelter.org)

**2024/25 SEASON WISHLIST**  
*As of October 15, 2024*

*If you are interested in donating something not on our list, please contact us first so we can check our inventory. We will publish an updated list in October which will include food items*

Bus tickets (Station, 915 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street)  
 50 - \$25 Gift cards for Kwik Trip  
 50 - \$10 Gift cards for local fast food  
 50 - \$10 Gift cards for drugstores

Pocket-size notepads  
 Post it notes  
 Scratchpads/legal pads  
 Postage stamps

Travel size body wash  
 Travel size Shaving Cream  
 Travel Size Body spray  
 Travel Size Shampoo  
 Travel Size Deodorant  
 Pocket combs  
 Small hairbrushes  
 New Sports Bras in all sizes

Snack-size resealable bags  
 Gallon-size resealable bags  
 Backpacks (used are ok if clean)  
 Duffle bags (used are ok if clean)  
 Sleeping bags (low temperature)

Cereal (surgery is requested)  
 Chewy Granola Bars  
 Snack Cakes

4 - Ice Choppers for sidewalks  
 4 - Snow Shovels  
 5 - Bike Locks

**CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**

*Please note "Warming Shelter"*



Additional Items can be found at our Amazon Wish List

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref=wl_share)

Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9-1:00 at First Presbyterian Church,  
 502 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning

## Holiday Gifts of Hope

**\$5,000 Cash  
Grand Prize!**

Cash Raffle Tickets

**Humor for Hope**

Show Tickets

**BUY YOUR  
TICKETS ONLINE  
SOON!**



Comedian & ventriloquist  
**Taylor Mason**  
February 1, 2025



Hope House of Manitowoc County

The talented Taylor Mason is coming to Manitowoc for one show only! Tickets only \$45 with limited seating available. We are also holding a pre-event \$10,000 cash raffle with \$5,000 cash as the grand prize. Only 150 tickets being sold for \$100 each. Purchase either ticket on our website.

There are many ways to provide Hope to those in need. Join us for our laugh out loud fundraiser. Taylor's quick wit, flawless delivery and polished material make him a hit with audiences of all ages. He is a ventriloquist, musician and stand-up comedian filling venues throughout the country!

Your ticket includes appetizers from our Charcuterie Showdown competition where local restaurants display their savory & sweet food creations. Cash bar for drinks, and don't forget the raffle baskets.

Show at 8pm  
Cocktail hour & raffles 7pm  
At Silver Valley Banquet Hall

Tickets at: <https://www.hopehousemc.org/humor-for-hope>





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Honey, Jams & Jellies, Pickled Goods, Eggs,  
Beef, Baked Goods, Handmade Crafts,  
Chef & Health Demonstrations,  
Kids Activities, Acoustic Musicians, & More!!!

**November 9 & 23, 2024**  
**December 14 & 28, 2024**  
**January 11 & 25, 2025**  
**February 1 & 15, 2025**  
**March 8 & 22, 2025**  
**April 5 & 19, 2025**

**8am - 12pm**

**702 York Street**  
**Downtown Manitowoc**

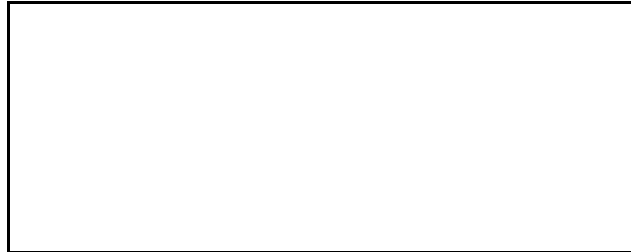
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## LAKE SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MISSION

*As a welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship,  
We unite to create a community which stimulates a free exchange and  
Exploration of ideas, foster spiritual and intellectual growth, and  
serves as a base for active outreach to benefit the world around us.*

## AS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, WE AFFIRM AND PROMOTE THESE PRINCIPLES

*The inherent worth and dignity of every person  
Justice, equality and compassion in human relationships  
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations  
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning  
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process  
The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all  
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*

*We affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."*

