



# LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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

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Due to Covid 19 pandemic and ongoing need to keep each other safe, we will continue virtual Sunday service on Zoom. Twice a month we will share services with UU Congregations around the state.

Zoom service links and information about shared services will be provided through LUUF Chalice Google Group email list. Please be sure you're receiving Chalice Group emails.

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Contact Ginny Fimmel or Kim Everett if you have any issues subscribing to LUUF Chalice Google Group Email.

### February 7

**"Black Lives, White Lies:  
Exploring an 8th UU Principle".  
Tony Larsen**

"I am color-blind; I treat everyone the same"); and the present movement in Unitarian Universalism to add an eighth principle to the seven we already have--emphasizing the need to be more than passively non-racist, and actually anti-racist.

Rev. Tony Larsen has become one of our regular speakers. He is retired from Olympia Brown UU church in Racine.

### February 14

**"Pictures of Manitowoc"  
Sonia Vasquez**

"Sonia will "talk about the creation of the mural on the Lakeside building and her artist residency at the Rahr West, painting 'Portraits of Manitowoc'. She will also talk about her involvement with Lakeshore United Visionaries."

She recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

### February 21

**Yes, And  
Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy**

The first rule of improv comedy is "yes, and," the imperative to keep the scene going at all costs! We Unitarian Universalists have a 'yes, and' theology. How can improv comedy help us in life and our faith?

Rev. Christine is the senior minister at FVUUF.

### February 28

**"Going to Jail"  
Carrie Arnold**

"Inspired by President Biden's inaugural address and Amanda Gorman's 'The Hill We Climb,' let's think about how to make our criminal justice system more just for everyone. I will share stories of my time as chaplain at the Brown County Jail and perhaps a new perspective will help us begin to think of better ways to hold one another accountable for poor choices, harmful actions, and uncivilized behavior."

Carrie was a jail chaplain in Green Bay before her current role as the facilitator of a house church. She has spoken for us many times, and it's always interesting!

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## Notes from a Plague Year

So much has happened in this last month. The shocking storming of the nation's Capitol followed by the certification of the election. An inspiring inauguration (how about that Amanda Gorman?) and renewed hopes for the future of our democracy. Even the beginning of vaccinations that may eventually allow us to throw backyard barbecues again and hug our friends and relations. It has been a long, long year.

It's not the end of January yet, but so far we've had it pretty easy considering we live in the frozen tundra. Of course, there's always February, and March can be a bear—or maybe a lion! Nonetheless, I'm grateful for a January when we haven't had to break out the YakTraks.

As we head toward spring, please remember that we have a special lineup of services and book discussion groups coming up to help us think through what living our new 8<sup>th</sup> Principle might look like and to dig into the issue of white supremacy it asks us to root out. We've already heard from several services in this series, and you should check out upcoming topics and presenters.

In February, Jim Hollahan will host a several -part discussion of the book *white supremacy and me*, by Layla Saad, available through Amazon and other outlets. You'll get more information as the date for the first session comes up. After that, Adult Activities is sponsoring a series of discussions around the book *So You Want to Talk About Race*, by Ijeoma Oluo. I've sneaked a peak into this one and recommend it. Mid-winter is offering us some serious food for thought.

And let's all hope summer brings a release from the isolation the pandemic has inflicted on us all. Keep the faith!

Erica

### 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: Linda Hunter [huntel@comcast.net](mailto:huntel@comcast.net) Erica Strauss [erica.h.strauss@gmail.com](mailto:erica.h.strauss@gmail.com) Ginny Finnel [amanuensis\\_vlf@yahoo.com](mailto:amanuensis_vlf@yahoo.com) Jim Hollahan [jim.hollahan@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hollahan@gmail.com)*



Unitarian Universalists recognize our responsibility to reflect, learn and act how we may inadvertently contribute to racism in our community and beyond. In June at the 2020 Lakeshore UU Fellowship Annual meeting, we formally endorsed the following as our 8th Principle:

**"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."**

## About the 8th Principle

The 8th Principle was created out of the recognition that the original 7 principles were not enough to directly address and dismantle individual, institutional or systemic racism. Led by Paula Cole Jones, the 8th Principle Learning Community was formed in 2019 to support congregations in living the 8th Principle.

Endorsed by Black Lives of UU (BLUU) and Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), the 8th Principle has so far been adopted by over 30 UU groups.

### Why Do We Need To Look At White Privilege As A Part of Our 8<sup>th</sup> Principle?

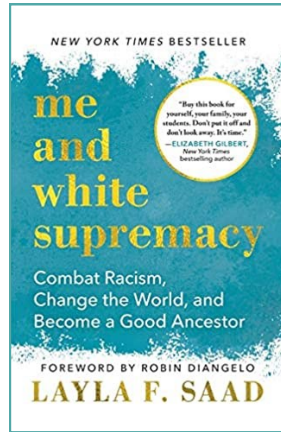
White privilege is the reward that white people and white-passing people receive in exchange for participating in the system of white supremacy – whether that participation is voluntary or involuntary. In order to dismantle white supremacy, we must understand how much white privilege is a key aspect of our life, how we benefit (whether knowingly or unknowingly) from our whiteness, what that means for people who do not receive the same benefits, and how we can dismantle it.

**WE cannot dismantle what we cannot see.  
We cannot challenge what we do not understand.**

People with white privilege often do not want to look directly at their privilege because of what it brings up for them – discomfort, shame and frustration. But not looking at something does not mean it does not exist. And in fact, it is an expression of white privilege itself to choose not to see it. Black, Indigenous and People of Color living within white supremacy, however, often do not have this privilege. As a person with white privilege were you ever told as a child that your whiteness would work against you? That you would have to work harder to compensate for your racial difference? Or was the color of your skin ever referenced when discussing your dreams, or what you would be able to accomplish? Has anyone ever referred to your race with respect to how you would be treated by the world? That is the essence of white privilege.

***Adapted from "me and white supremacy" Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad***

In order to assist us in our ongoing work on racial justice and dismantling white privilege, the LUUF Service Planning Committee has coordinated a series of related services and discussion groups over the first three months of 2021 to create the opportunity to explore and discuss in-depth, different components of racism, white privilege and white supremacy. Here is the schedule of services and discussion groups exploring components of the 8<sup>th</sup> principle:



**Book Discussion series**

**“Me and white supremacy” Combating Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad**

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| February 10 | The Basics   |
| February 17 | Anti-Blackness, Racial Stereotypes, and Cultural Appropriation |
| February 24 | Allyship   |
| March 3     | Power, Relationships and Commitments                           |

**Upcoming Sunday Service presentations**

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| <b>March 7 Rev Danny Givens</b> | An Activist's perspective on White Privilege  |
| <b>March 28 Jim Neilson</b>     | Photographs of James “Spider” Martin and the story of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 |

**Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in this journey of learning!**

Mary Jo Urban and Jim Hollahan

# Why Black History Month matters

As a Unitarian Universalist, I draw courage  
and inspiration from Black History Month.  
KENNY WILEY | 2/16/2015

In 1866 Frances Ellen W. Harper, a black woman with membership in both African Methodist Episcopal and Unitarian churches in Philadelphia, took the stage at the National Women's Rights Convention and declared,

*“We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity, and society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul.”*

Harper's words, delivered one year after the official end of slavery in America, invokes images of a nation chained to slavery's legacy and to the disenfranchisement of women. We are still bound up in that legacy. When I read Harper's words, I am reminded that Unitarians and Universalists have a long and complicated history of involvement—or not—in America's struggle for racial equality.

Black History Month holds great significance in my life. I am a black American and a third-generation Unitarian Universalist. I believe in the month's importance because, as Ta-Nehisi Coates put it in a cover story for the *Atlantic* last year, **“black history does not flatter American Democracy; it chastens it.”** I am drawn to those Americans who see the promise and beauty of this great nation but who are also honest about its shortcomings. Their candor inspires critics to call them America-bashers, but I see them as fierce patriots.

Black History Month affords us an opportunity to be honest with ourselves—as individuals, as Americans, as Unitarian Universalists. It challenges us to ask hard questions, even ones that can never fully be answered. In 1893 the activist Fannie B. Williams, a black woman and member of All Souls Unitarian Church in Chicago, asked churchgoers of all denominations, “What can religion further do to advance the condition of the American Negro?” It was a query not often made in predominately white churches, in 1893 or now.

Williams believed religious people must work actively to combat discrimination; doing anything less perpetuates discrimination. The stories of Black History Month can remind us that those with the courage to challenge the racial status quo were neither superhuman nor otherworldly, neither flawless nor impeccable. But they acted. As the recently released film *Selma* shows, those courageous souls who struggled needed to eat, called friends late at night for support, and admitted their fears. The first time I encountered Fannie Williams's question was just weeks after joining the current Black Lives Matter movement. I was unsure how to proceed as a new activist, but Williams's call to faith-based action helped me feel held by a long tradition of Unitarians and Universalists who have been willing to say and do unpopular, challenging things in the name of justice.

I draw courage and inspiration from Black History Month. I am moved by stories of my fellow black Americans, from Harriet Tubman to Ella Baker, from Rosa Parks to Toni Morrison. I am moved when I read or hear about Unitarian Universalists, of any race or background, who were willing to declare the injustice of slavery and able to decry the insidiousness of Jim Crow, and who proclaim now that black lives matter.

My paternal grandmother, a 96-year-old black woman today, first attended a southern UU church over forty years ago. My parents were married in a Texas congregation. My family, a proud, black American family, is deeply rooted in Unitarian Universalism. Though not always easy to be a part of, the UU faith has done so much for our family, and for this world. This and every Black History Month, I honor the legacy of all who have strived for freedom and justice while lifting up the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Watch our Facebook page every day in February during Black History month for notable current and historic people of color. Contributions from members and friends of the Fellowship.

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

**GLOBE****Green Living On Behalf of Earth**

*Our GLOBE Continuing Climate Crisis Conversations presents ,*  
**“A TIME OF RENEWAL AS PLANET PARTNERS”**  
*by Bonnita Budysz*

I'm feeling optimistic these days as an artist activist focused on water and enviro issues, buoyed by this administration's executive orders. These are heady times as planet partners with Kim Everett and Sandy Bast on the LUUF GLOBE (Green Living on Behalf of Earth) Committee, and with All of You as caring comrades. It was hard for me to pick favorites among the myriad of steadfast workhorses as well as the relatively new players on the social justice scene, but choose I must, so here goes with the following enviro heroes and heroines.

During an extended 2 part segment last week with Katy Tur on MSNBC, Time Magazine's Person of the Year and Social Justice Environmental Activist, Greta Thunberg stated that it is past time to quibble about defining our climate crisis and the Time to Act is Now and Continuing. Greta challenges us to be clear eyed and direct, to move forward with focus and purpose. She never once uttered the word climate, without 'crisis' being next – not once did she waver. In her own words, “We support every effort by world leaders to [#FaceTheClimateEmergency](#) To help them along we've created a list of first step actions that would give us a fighting chance to avoid a climate disaster. You can help by signing and sharing the open letter: [climateemergencyeu.org](http://climateemergencyeu.org) “

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, every week for 9 years on the Senate floor, has implored legislators that 'It's Time to Wake Up' about the threat of climate change and the urgent need to take action. This past week, as his last of 279th Wake Up speeches, he changed the title of his speech to “It's Time to Act”. His recognition pays homage to, this at-long-last paradigm shift in tone, which will only continue if we collectively support and elect legislators that are committed to this end-of-existence-if-we-don't ACT NOW cause.

The sweeping, ambitious climate actions that were put in place with major executive orders, are both broad in scope and focused in specific arenas. Tenvironmental justice for a New Generation of Americans. Even after decades of enviro efforts, we must realize that this is a beginning, not an end. We have much work to do, and having the right tools for the job makes hey propel us as a nation, that was previously mired in denial and delay, to a pragmatic and progressive platform of alignment with Science. I urge you to take the time and care to look them up. My personal favorite is 'Creating a Civilian Climate Corps Initiative' that encourages and engages all the difference. It is exhilarating and inspires steadfast resolve to get the job done.

Let's answer this clarion call of our time that this Climate Crisis requires. Each of us in our own way will make a defining difference. Contribute, Vote, Engage, and Create the Sustainable World that you, me, and our children and grandchildren deserve and need. Thank You.

# GLOBE



It is happening, Wisconsin is rapidly moving ahead with solar projects in all areas. Currently there are 20 projects which when finished will generate 2.2 gigawatts of power. Right now WI gets 42% of its power from coal. Some of the projects in process are:

- Solar Farm to be developed in Wisconsin Rapids area. This is just 1 of 20.
- MGE partners with city of Madison's School District on Solar project which will cut city energy use by 20%.
- Harley-Davidson completed the largest single rooftop solar panel system installation in WI in conjunction with We Energies. The panels can produce enough energy to power more than 400 homes.
- We Energies will retire the oldest part of Oak Creek coal fired plant in 2023/24.
- Alliant Energy and the city of Sheboygan have agreed to install a 1 megawatt solar facility in the Sheboygan business district.
- Xcel Energy's New Vehicle Vision program is aimed at replacing fleet vehicles with EVs as well as providing charging infrastructure and encouraging ownership of EVs.

# GLOBE RECOMMENDS

**PROTECT SACRED WATER:  
DIGITAL RALLY TO  
#STOPLINE3**



Wednesday, February 10th 3pm ET/Noon PT

Learn from Indigenous leaders about the Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline resistance, their call on President Biden to stop it, and what you can do to stand in solidarity with water protectors on the frontlines. Line 3 construction is well underway, beginning to run through precious wild rice waters sacred to the Anishinaabe peoples, and the Mississippi River headwaters to the shore of Lake Superior. President Biden needs to stop the Line 3 pipeline- to protect our treaty obligations, to prevent further climate crisis, and to create a world where everyone can thrive. Register at: <https://interfaithpowerandlight.salsalabs.org/sacredwaterstopline3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=27c07426-684e-43fd-9a21-e1f719aab9c9>



**Great Decisions 2021** is finally here! Every **Monday evening at 6 PM** throughout **February** and **March**, MPL will be broadcasting **FREE** livestreamed, real-time geopolitical lectures and discussions to help the viewer grasp the finer points of an ever-shifting global situation—and see how these situations impact our daily lives here at home!

Join us online, either on **Facebook** or **YouTube channel**. Whether you choose to just watch and learn or opt to participate in the conversation, it will be an illuminating and informative experience.

For schedule and additional information go to MPL website at;

<https://www.manitowoclibrary.org/great-decisions/>

**Don't forget!**  
**LUUF Men's Breakfast Club**  
**Wednesday's**



**February 17th**  
**Watch Chalice Group for details**  
**and Zoom links.**

**Wisconsin UU Social Action Network**

It is now a 501c3 and we have a formal board of directors. Jim Black from Door County is our president. **Kathy Bernhart** is a board member at large. We are currently collecting information from other congregations in the state on what their social action network is involved in and how we can be an asset to them. Out of the 13 Congregations who have responded so far the top issues being worked on are Racial Justice, Homeless/Hunger projects and Climate concerns. Immigration falls under Homelessness / Hunger in some congregations

The web page is [wuusan.org](http://wuusan.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Wisconsin-Unitarian-Universalist-State-Action-Network-112251766937317/>

The board meets in early Feb to analyze the results of our phone calls and contacts. There are general meetings every other month. Love to have you join us. Let Kathy know if you are interested..





# The Big Picture

## Homeless & Housing Coalitions

**Date:**

Thursday, February 8th

1:00pm-3:00pm

(Virtual Meeting)

**Featured Speaker:**

Carrie Poser, Director

Balance of State

Continuum of Care

**For more information:**

Ryan.graham@wibos.org

(715) 225-0164

**The public is invited** to participate in a virtual meeting, to learn and ask questions about homelessness in your community. This is part 2 of a 2 part series. Topics will include:

- Take a deep dive into the data around homelessness in the Lakeshore coalition.
- Discuss areas of strength, gaps, and need of improvement in our area.
- Develop next steps, based on data to address needs.



WIBOSCOC

Presented by the **Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (WIBOSCOC)**, a statewide coalition comprised of 21 local COCs, representing 69 counties throughout the state of Wisconsin. For more info visit [www.wiboscoc.org](http://www.wiboscoc.org)



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, including participation in:

**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 Nancy Slattery at” nancy\_slattery@hotmail.com

**Hope House LUUF week is next week Feb 7 - Feb 13. If you're free to volunteer, or make a meal, please contact Nancy Slattery nancy\_slattery@hotmail.com**

**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

### **LUUF continues to support our 5 outreach community organizations.**

- Hope House (Homeless Shelter)
- InCourage (Domestic Violence Center)
- The Haven (Mens shelter)
- TREP (Two Rivers Economical Pantry)
- Painting Pathways (Clubhouse International)

### **We can't do that without your help!**

1. Ways to give — “Donate” button on our website [www.lakeshoreuufellowship.org](http://www.lakeshoreuufellowship.org)  
This on-line donation system utilizes Pay Pal. Pay Pal fees are 2.9%, consider “tipping” up to cover these fees, when making annual pledge donations. It is an internet based program that is protected and quite safe. If you don't already have a PayPal account, you can set one up at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) You can complete a direct transfer through your bank or credit card. Follow the PayPal instructions on-line.
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Associated Bank uses “ Pay Bills”, for instance.

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\*Set up a payment and date to be completed. Or choose Monthly reoccurring

\*The bank will issue a check and mail it to LUUF

LUUF Treasurer is checking the mail weekly, just as before this containment, and will submit the checks to Bank First every week.



*Love is the doctrine of this congregation, the quest for truth is our sacrament, and service is our prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, and to share our strength in fellowship, thus do we covenant.*

As Members and Friends of the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we affirm this covenant and promote the Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

As an expression of these commitments:

**We show love and respect by**

- Creating a community where all are welcome
- Celebrating individuality and ensuring that everyone's voice is heard
- Addressing issues with one another directly, assuming good intentions
- Accepting responsibility for what we say and do
- Supporting our Fellowship with our time, talent, and treasure
- Supporting each other's spiritual journey

**We use the democratic process in our congregation by**

- Hearing and valuing the opinions of all
- Ensuring transparency in our decision making
- Developing consensus when possible and appropriate
- Resolving differences respectfully, using our fellowship's mediation process when necessary

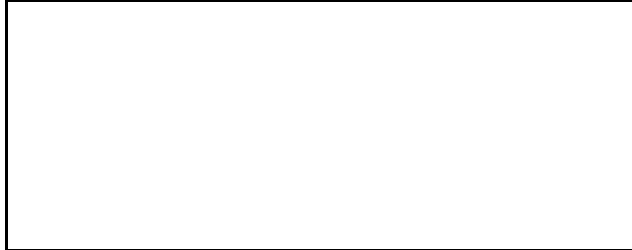
**We work for social justice by**

- Striving to become a more diverse and inclusive community
- Educating ourselves and collaborating with others on issues of social justice
- Working to change cultures of injustice.
- Protecting and preserving our planet

We welcome into our Fellowship those who may differ in beliefs but are in general agreement with our commitment.



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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*



**SIDE WITH  
LOVE**