

The Unitarian Church of Underwood is a welcoming community of diverse people where our celebration of life and common search for meaning bind us together.

Unitarian Church of Underwood

PO Box 58, 206 North Main Street

Underwood

Phone: 218/826-6553

Website: www.ucofu.org

www.facebook.com/www.ucofu.org

Sunday Services

*September 2- Bob
Worner*

*September 9 - UCU
Men: "Me Too"*

*September 16 - Roger
Parker, "Becoming a
Lighthouse for the
World"*

*September 23 - Sandy
Barnhouse*

*September 30 - Ghazi
Hassoun*



Photos Courtesy of Norm Kolstad

September 2018 Newsletter

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Underwood Harvest Days – Parade @ 1:30 pm
2 Bob Worner, “Open Hands” U Group Facilitators 11:45 am Mindfulness Sitting 9:15 am Children’s RE 10:00-11:15 am	3 AA 7 pm	4 Membership Committee Meeting 4 pm	5	6	7	8
9 UCU Men – “Me Too” Shan Schools Update Mindfulness Sitting 9:15 am Children’s RE 10:00-11:15 am	10 AA 7 pm	11 Battle Lake/Underwood U Group 3 pm @ Joanne Cress’	12 Speakers Committee 3:30 pm Alexandria U Group 7 pm @ Widseth... Office Bldg/	13 Perham U Group 6:30 @ Stan Carignan’s	14	15
16 Roger Parks – “Becoming a Lighthouse for the World” Mindfulness CLASS 9:00 am Children’s RE 10:00-11:15 am	17 AA 7 pm	18	19 Board of Directors 5:30 pm	20	21	22 Water Protectors @
23 Sandy Barnhouse Mindfulness Sitting 9:15 am Children’s RE 10:00-11:15 am	24 AA 7 pm	25	26	27 24 FF U Group 6:30 pm @ Diana Ziesemer’s	28	29
30 Ghazi Hassoun New Member Orientation 12 - 1 pm @ Svedrup #300. Mindfulness Sitting 9:15 am Children’s RE 10:00-11:15 am	Oct 7 – New Member Welcoming					

September Sunday Speakers

September 2 - Bob Worner, “Open Hands” relating his talk to Principle 4: *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning* and Principle 1: *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*.

September 9 - UCU Men, “Me Too” Facilitated by Darryl Booker

September 16 - Roger Parks, third talk of his series on September 16 will be: **“Becoming a Lighthouse for the World”** - joining others in being the light for the world.

September 23 – Sandy Barnhouse, **““Autistic Life,” not “Life with Autism”**: Understanding the concept of “neurodiversity” by all of us may completely change the way we view autistic people going forward. Sandy will relate her talk to Principle #1, The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Sandra Barnhouse was a member of the St. Cloud UU Fellowship from 1972 until she joined the Unitarian Church of Underwood in 2002. She was publications editor at St. Cloud State University for 20 years and occasional speaker at the fellowship. Since 1992 she has presented more than a dozen workshops at the annual Mankato Women and Spirituality Conference. She has served on UCU’s Speakers Committee since 2011. She is published in two anthologies related to the women’s spirituality movement and currently teaches a monthly Sunday School class related to that body of scholarship. Additionally, she has written two books: “It Takes the Whole Damn Village,” and “How to Watch Television/An autistic guide to humanity.”

Sandy’s purpose in sharing her understanding of high-functioning autism or Asperger’s Syndrome, is to acquaint the congregation with the concept of neurodiversity.

September 30 - Ghazi Hassoun

Ghazi Q. Hassoun was born in Haifa, Palestine, in 1935. He, with his family, became refugees in Tyre, Lebanon, in February 1948. As a refugee in Lebanon, he attended the Jaffariah College in Tyre for three years, and for one year in Beirut, Lebanon, as a senior high school student at the Evangelical National Protestant College (ENPC). He graduated from the ENCP high school in June 1952.

In the fall of 1952, he enrolled at the American University of Beirut (AUB). He received a B.S. in Physics from AUB in June of 1956. The following year, 1956-1957, in addition to enrolling as a graduate student, he served as a Research Assistant and Assistant Instructor at AUB.

In the fall of 1957, he enrolled as a graduate student in Physics at the University of Minnesota (U of MN). He received M.S. and Ph.D. from U of MN in theoretical physics in July of 1959 and 1963 respectively.

After a two year Post-Doctoral Associate-ship at the University of Michigan, one year as an Assistant Professor of Physics at Alfred University, Alfred, N.Y. and one summer as a Physicist Consultant with the US Navy at Dahlgren, VA, he led largely an academic career in Physics at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo, where he was on the faculty from Fall 1966 to Spring 1998, when he retired as a life-long NDSU Professor Emeritus.

He did research in quantum mechanics, and quantum electrodynamics. He published important papers in these fields; notably on the angular momentum of bremsstrahlung, the one-dimensional and two-dimensional hydrogen atoms, and the synthesis of the Bohr's and Planck's statements of the correspondence principle.

Additionally, since his retirement, Dr. Hassoun has been deeply interested in the study of the contemporary events in the Middle East in particular, and the World in general. He passionately seeks to understand and appreciate causes of world conflicts and how might they be alleviated.

As an NDSU faculty, Dr. Hassoun served as an advisor for Arab and Muslim students over many years. He lectured on Islam and the Middle East to social and religious groups and institutions in his community. TV and radio media interviewed him to explain events in the Middle East. For many years, he became a regular guest lecturer, offering mini courses on Islam, Islam and Christianity, Islam and the West, at the Fargo/Moorhead Communiversity. The Communiversity is an outreach of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Moorhead is a Minnesota twin city, across the Red River, with Fargo. He was selected in the summer of 1993 to organize and teach a three-credit-hours quarter summer course on the Middle East, thru Moorhead State University (currently Minnesota State University/Moorhead), as part of a World series set of courses, internationally funded, primarily for the benefit of high school teachers in the area of social studies.

Dr. Hassoun entertains appearing before groups in a variety of appropriate settings for presentations related to his Memoir: Walking Out into the Sunshine, which he published in 2013; Cf. website: www.ghaziqhassounphd.com



September

Children's Religious Education Schedule

During September, the children will be learning about the Shan children living in Thailand. Bernice Johnson, Founder of Shan Schools and her associate, Yvonne Garcia, while here to give us an update, will also spend time with the children to tell them what life is like for a Shan child living as a refugee. For the Shan Schools Fundraiser September 9, the children will do a bake sale. They'll be cooking later in the month with Bert Whitcomb some of the foods eaten by Shan children as they learn about their homes and school life. We wish to instill in our children a sense of justice, compassion and gratitude. They are blessed and we are blessed with all of them.

September 2	Cedar Walters	Ron Graham	Uua home lesson #5
September 9	Bernice Johnson & Yvonne Garcia	Ron Graham & Kris Warhol	Sharing the Shan Kids with the UCU Kids!
September 16	Robbyn Navatto	Ron Graham	Katy Olson/Ron Roller Bike Ride ?
September 23	Wally Warhol	Kris Warhol	Bike Ride?
September 30	Bert Whitcomb	JoAnn Larson	Cooking Shan food

**School for Shan Refugees
Fundraiser
Sunday, September 9 Following Service**



It is a fundraiser, but better than that, Bernice Johnson, founder of Schools for Shan Refugees (SSR) and Yvonne Garcia from California, a supporter, will be with us to give us an update on the activities of the Schools for Shan Refugees as a part of the Sunday service.

The fundraiser, to be held during coffee time, will be an opportunity for you to purchase items Bernice has brought back from Thailand. And in addition, the RE kids are having a bake sale. All the proceeds from all the sales will go directly to support the education of Shan children.

Bring cash and checkbooks. You will find lots of Thai items that are beautiful and useful in addition to stocking up your freezer with baked goods. If you would like to contribute baked good to the sale, contact JoAnn Larson @ 2128/405-0752 or redswilds@gmail.com. *Mary Worner SSR Board Member*

Sunday Volunteers Always Needed!!
Please contact JoAnn Larson @
redswilds@gmail.com or @ 218/405-0752.



Greeters are always needed for Sunday services. This is an easy and fun way to serve and to get to know other UCU members and friends.

Sign Up to Bring Treats, Set-up, Serve and Clean-up – Sign the list on the kitchen counter. On your sign-up day, come ½ hour early to set out your treats, make coffee and arrange dishes, etc. Enjoy the time visiting behind the counter as you serve and clean up after. Treats for the freezer are always welcome to fill in for those Sundays when no one does sign up. On the Sundays of freezer treats, jump in to help set-up, serve and clean-up. Some of the best visiting and fun times go on in the kitchen!!



Stay^oinformED

Website:
www.ucofu.org

"Like" UCU on Facebook: see
www.facebook.com/www.ucofu.org

Wi-fi Now Available at UCU

See Bulletin Board or Bulletins for

To be included to regularly receive weekly church reports and monthly newsletters, please contact Ellen Eastby @ eastofellen@hotmail.com

Contact JoAnn Larson @ redswilds@gmail.com for Sunday announcements and local media notifications.

Newsletter Submissions due prior to Issuance the 1st of each month

Please submit your ideas, articles and photos to: maryanderson8380@msn.com.

Editing: Stephanie Sanderson

Emailing/ mailing: Ellen Eastby and JoAnn Larson.

Website: Ellen Eastby

Facebook: Melody Shores

Photos courtesy of Norm Kolstad & credited others.

Note: Announcements sent to JoAnn Larson, Administrative Consultant for church bulletin and/or Mary Anderson for the monthly newsletter are forwarded for inclusion in the www.ucofu.org and Facebook Page.

Newsletter comes out on the 1st of each month via email. They are also posted at www.ucofu.org.

Nurture Your Spirit ...

U Group Schedule (Meetings Monthly)

- Alexandria U-Group: 2nd Wed @ 7:00 pm @ the office building of Widseth, Smith & Nolting Office Bldg., 610 Fillmore, Alexandria: Facilitators: Lee Becker/Susan Sanford
- The Battle Lake U Group, the 2nd Tuesday @ 3:00 p.m. @ home of Joanne Cress and Luke Anderson. Facilitators: Bob Worner/Joanne Cress.
- Fergus Falls U-Group: **4th Thursday @ 6:30 pm** @ Diana Ziesemer's, 934 W. Linden St., Fergus Falls. Facilitator: Jacob McKnite/Melody Shores.
- Perham U-Group: 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m. at Stan Carignan's. Facilitator: Stan Carignan.

Each group holds an empty chair for anyone who wants to come and join the group.

To learn more or join a group, contact Lead Co-Facilitators: Kris Warhol @ mwarhol7up@gmail.com or 218/205-1644 or Shannon Smith @ shannonsmith20@gmail.com
Or 320/630-6229

Adult Religious Education Classes

Each Sunday of the month, 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Stan Carignan leads Mindfulness/Quaker Quiet Time Sitting.

1st Sunday of the month, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. – John Minge leads discussion with the topic to be determined by the group in September.

2nd Sunday of the month, 8:45- 9:45 a.m. – Sandy Barnhouse leads the Ancient Religions Class.

3rd Sunday of the month – Stan Carignan will lead new class using the book, "*Seeing, Knowing, Being*" by John Greer as a text to explore what mindfulness is, how it can be achieved, and what it does for a person. We will discuss a couple of chapters each month, followed by 20 minutes of mindfulness practice.

4th Sunday of the month, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Bob Worner leads, the year's topic will be decided by the group in September.

Words from Kris Warhol, Board President
*Be the hands. Be the wings, Be the words. Be engaged.
Be enriched.
Know Peace, Justice and Liberty.
And we will be family.*

September 2018

What brings you to our Church? Community? Like mindedness? Adult R.E.? Children's R.E.?

Since early Summer we've been offering Sunday School for our children. Several members stepped up to lead classes weekly. Their theme for the year is "Finding Home." This was an urgent goal for many years and we now with appreciation and gratitude say, "this has been accomplished."

We are a family. Counting down to our 130 years of embracing all religious beliefs. Still writing history. Greeting newcomers weekly.

The rich history speaks loudly inside these walls. Several members are currently gathering, processing and documenting the past 129 years that happened. The Union Hall was a meeting place prior to being purchased as a church. We fill it now with diversity, adversity, and curiosity. A Welcoming Congregation the submerges itself in Social Justice.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. *Kris Warhol*

Adult Religious Education Classes

1st Sunday of Month – Now in his 10th year as class leader, John Minge, will decide with the group in September the topic for the year.

2nd Sunday of Month – Sandy Barnhouse will lead the class based on the book, *Sacred Pleasure* by Riane Eisler. The book will be divided into the nine classes. For the first class, please read foreword, introduction and chapters one and two (pages 1-52). For October class discussion, contemplate the title of Chapter 3, "Sex as Sacrament."

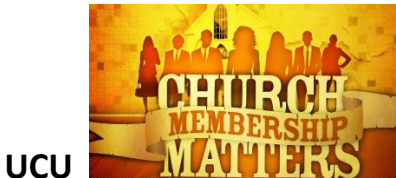
3rd Sunday of Month – NOTE: For September only, class will meet the 5th Sunday, September 30. The class will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter. "This coming fall, we will offer unstructured quiet time on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays. On the 3rd Sunday, (September exception above), we will use the book "*Seeing, Knowing, Being*" by John Greer as a text to explore what mindfulness is, how it can be achieved, and what it does for a person. The texts have been purchased by the church and are available to anyone who desires to participate. Session will begin at 8:45 a.m. at Suite 300 with the first 15 minutes as gathering time and

informal visiting, followed by a 20-minute discussion of the appropriate chapters from the book, and then 20 minutes of actual mindfulness practice. We will discuss a couple of chapters each month, followed by 20 minutes of mindfulness practice.” *Stan Carignan*

4th Sunday of Month - Bob Worner, Leader, will decide with the group in September the topic for the year.

Underwood Harvest Days
September 1-2
Parade Saturday @ 1 p.m.

For the Harvest Festival Parade on Saturday, September 1, Kris Warhol and Chuck Adelsman will be riding one of Chuck’s John Deere tractors to represent UCU’s commitment to local farmers’ markets. The Parade starts at 1:30 p.m. They’ll also be putting in plugs for Dalton’s 65th Threshing Days Celebration, September 7-9.



As a Voting Member,
Participate in New Member Orientation (see below) and New Member
Welcoming
October 7, 2018

The Unitarian Church of Underwood has expanded in numbers over the last several years. We continue to have friends who are regularly coming through our door wondering if this is a permanent place for them. Visitors and new members often ask for further information on Unitarian Universalism and what the Unitarian Church of Underwood stands for. To help answer questions, the Membership Committee offers a New Member/UU Introduction one-hour session. New Member Orientation will be held again September 30 following Sunday Service. Please contact Mary Anderson @ maryanderson8380@msn.com or 218/298-4942 to make your reservation. **New member welcoming is October 7 during the Sunday service.** New Member Welcoming is held twice a year, the first Sunday in March and October.

To become a voting member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Underwood, you indicate your wish by signing the “silver” membership book.

The UCU Policy Statement #2 Article II Definitions B. states that: "A voting member is one who has signed the membership book and completed any of the following: has participated in an activity of the congregation in the past year, has made a recorded financial contribution since the beginning of the fiscal year, or expresses verbally, or in writing, a desire to remain a member."

We, like other UU Fellowships, have voting members; others who though not voting members, attend regularly or come for our featured speakers or other offerings; some who consider themselves members but are unable to participate; and some who come sometimes as visitors. We welcome everyone: “no single belief includes us here, no disbelief excludes us.”

Notes of August Sunday Talks

Sunday Talks available via POD Casts @ soundcloud.com/user-927528278



August 5 at Phelps Mill, Ellen Eastby led the Flower Ceremony, an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. The Flower Ceremony was originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia. Norbert was a victim of the Nazi's at Dachau.

In the Flower Ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a

shared vase.

Ellen spoke of “Breath of the Soul.” Ellen enjoys nature mostly with plate glass between her and it. She does walk very early each morning to center herself. She's had some breathless encounters lately with the deer in her neighborhood.

If we take time to taste a carrot, it is “a taste you can't get in a Twinkie.” Nature breathes life into our soul. Her grandkids found a caterpillar they named “Elephant” that is now morphing on her piano. After sharing the poem, *Such Silence* by Mary Oliver, Ellen called on others to share their thoughts on nature.

Roger – they have several wren houses in their gardens and watched four little heads pop out and then the fledglings tried their fluttering wings. The morning music of the wrens is “music of the soul.”

Bert liked the last line of Oliver's poem, “didn't stay along.” It takes courage to delve deeper into nature, but when you stay long enough it is fulfilling and rewarding.

Deb read a quote from the Buddha. They just returned with other couples from the Boundary Waters. There was a summer storm and mushrooms “popping up.” Unfortunately, a man on another island that they'd talked to, had a fatal heart attack while there and they observed the usually restricted float planes come to remove the body and the man's family.

Nancy – left Alaska 40 years ago but got close to it with a visit to Vancouver and Banff where she flew in a helicopter close to the mountains that reminded her of Alaska.

Janell – just returned from a 5-day trip to Madeline Island which was just lovely.

Wayne Willover – we like to live with conquests, comforts and limited vulnerability. With nature, you submit your vulnerabilities saying “Here I am.”

Audrey – likes to visit Black Oak Park in Wadena with it’s white pines, path by water and the energy it radiates.

Cathy – they live on the corner of Hwy 35 and Phelps Mill Rd where after the Dutch Elm disease, they have planted many new trees. There they can watch “fireflies dance” and at least 25 different species of birds.

Molly seeks balance and shared a poem from Wendel Berry- *The Peace of Wild Things*.

Attendance: 32



August 12: Roger Parks gave the second of his 3-part summer talks, entitled: “**Letting Our Light Shine.**” Building off the theme, “**This Little Light of Mine,**” **Roger** spoke of us being created from the light of the Creator, sharing our light and taking the chalice light out of here. The goal of religion and spiritualism is to connect- to all creation that is created by the same light and source – to recognize each other’s divinity. Matthew Fox spoke of light refracting like a prism. It takes intentional work to recognize this light. Richard Rohr says to enter contemplation is a cultural necessity. Early in his life, Rohr witnessed Native Pueblo mothers with their children out in early morning, swooping their arms to the sky to scoop up the new day.

Spend time with beauty around us, focus on the light, not evil. Turn on our flashlight so that light can dispel the darkness. Then Roger, lighting the 14 candles, had us call out words on ways to take the chalice light out to the world: gratitude; music; de-stuff (downsize); invite; listen to other’s stories; humor; vote; greet one another; have patience; be aware and kind to the animals; share abundance; join; show compassion; forgive.

We can individually do what we can to take the light with us. But individual actions alone are not enough – we need collective action and that will be the focus of Roger’s next talk.

Attendance: 34

August 19: Returning for the 3rd year, Journalist and Star Tribune Editor, **Dave Hage** talked about “**The News is Back.**” The past two years have been good for journalists and for newspapers and trust for the news is high. Trump has rejuvenated the desire for news: 1) Trump himself is a newsmaker; 2) Trump has introduced a categorially different style with secrecy and audacity, often misleading the public and that gets reported; 3) Trump has declared

war on the media. And if there is one thing to know about the media is that you “don’t cross ‘em.”

Journalists have regained self-confidence, mission and new energy. It is not just Trump generating news but the reporting on such as the likes of Harvey Weinstein and the resulting formation of the “Me Too” movement.

The media is getting a good run on serving the public. People are paying attention and counting on journalists.

Dave’s take on the cry about “fake news”: Journalists are not the supposed advocates of liberalism. They don’t see themselves as out to change the world. They want to be right. They hate having to publish a correction to the story – it makes them look stupid, is embarrassing and can have career consequences so they want to get the story right. It is also a competitive business. Some other publisher may get the story but maybe there is a deeper story and they go after it. If the story is too risky and not validated, they’ll not publish rather than get it wrong.

Dave referenced the 7th UU Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part with a plea for respect and open mindedness. There is a social network/inter-connectiveness. Yes, divisiveness can be fun. But, if you go too far, it is destructive. Basically, we (the USA) have systems that work – most people follow the law, pay their taxes, etc. If you lose trust in the systems, people stop doing what should have kept it working and chaos ensues. So, the plea for recognition of our inter-connectiveness, to consider the motives of other people being good, and that we are all in this together.

<https://soundcloud.com/user-927528278/the-news-is-back-dave-hage-august-19-2018>

Attendance: 54

August 26 - Marianne Bryan began her program by speaking about her love of music and of teaching piano. As a teacher, Marianne had special relationships with her students providing nurturing care and attention. She discussed three life lessons that can be learned through learning to play piano:

1. Self-discovery – great music can touch many different emotions.
2. Increased self-esteem – through mastery of difficult pieces.
3. Delayed gratification and the joy and satisfaction of perfecting a piece.

Marianne shared stories about the impact of piano playing on several of her students – from a 7-year old, to a middle schooler whose parents were going through a rocky divorce, to a high school student who suffered from depression, to a young gal with a rebellious streak with whom Maryanne worked up tunes by “21 Pilots”.

She also played three pieces. First was a Mazurka by Chopin. The second was a Bach piece. After playing this, she pointed out Bach's use of a phrase pattern throughout the piece. The phrase alternated between the left and right hands and had varied placements on the scale. Marianne loves studying and playing Bach. Among his accomplishments was that he composed 48 fugues and preludes in all the major and minor keys. She has learned 20 and hopes to learn the remaining 28.

The final piece she played was one of her favorites "Claire de Lune" for which she received a standing ovation. Marianne expressed gratitude that she can share her music with UCU. (There have been other churches at which she has not felt so welcomed.)

Podcast at: <https://soundcloud.com/user-927528278/pianist-marianne-bryan-august-26-2018>



History Lives through Record Keeping

The now established Record Keeping & Maintenance Committee (Norm Kolstad, Chair; Mary Anderson, JoAnn Larson, John Minge and Kris Warhol) are in process of reviewing Unitarian Church Records. So far, we have found the original Articles of Incorporation and Board minutes from 1889-1923 that were originally recorded in Norwegian. Kris Warhol had the forethought in 2010 to have them translated to English by Hilma xxx in 2010. Now we are just missing the minutes from 1923-1933.

Kris has also been the keeper of a vast amount of other historical church information both physically and in her memory. Kris knew that UUA in Boston holds some of our historical records as does the Otter Tail Historical Museum. Efforts will be made to figure out what they have!

Not so long ago, Kris obtained picture albums and other documents that Marguerite Andrews had maintained of church happenings over her many years. We strongly suspect there are other church members and/or previous members and friends who also have in their possessions items of interest and historical value to the church. Are you one of them?

Record Recall: To be able to continue and complete their task, the Committee is calling any/all holders of church information, including photos, news articles, etc., to FIND and bring those articles to church and give to Norm Kolstad. The Committee will determine what records to retain and how to retain them. Norm has already scanned countless records and photos that are now maintained on google.docs.

Committee Record Review: The Record Keeping Committee is also requesting that all Committee Chairs review with their committees, the records they may be keeping or records that should be kept and report back to the Record Keeping Committee so that on-going procedures may be developed to obtain, protect and retain those records.

Although right now, gathering and assembling the records of our history and business operations appears to be a massive undertaking, the Record Keeping Committee is looking at this as a real opportunity to systematically record the soon-to-be 130-year history of the Unitarian Church of Underwood and establish processes to monitor and maintain ongoing records. Otherwise, much of value could be lost to future generations. The Unitarian Church of Underwood holds a real place of history and continuity in the community.

Help Heal the World!

Habitat for Humanity

Follow progress of the Fergus Falls build via Paul Shol's weekly email updates or at the ucofu.org Facebook Page.

Volunteer Details/Reminders:

- **Call/email Paul ahead of time if you know you are going to be coming on a particular day. This helps for planning. My phone number is at the bottom of the email.**
- **Feel free to call Paul ahead of time to make sure we are on schedule prior to coming.**
8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. with lunch around noon. Come for a couple hours, half-a-day, or a full day.
- Reminder - you don't have to necessarily know the specific skill(s) for that day to be helpful on the job site. We can teach you! We want you to feel comfortable when you are there and have a good, enjoyable experience.
(o) 218-736-2905
(c) 218-205-5739

www.fergushabitat.org

pmschol@gmail.com

Stop Line 3

Enbridge Energy proposes to replace 337 miles of the Line 3 Pipeline in Minnesota. Line 3 originates in Canada, continues through North Dakota, enters Minnesota in Kittson County, and

terminates in Superior, Wisconsin. Committed to stopping Line 3? Join faith leaders from around Minnesota and beyond in a Pilgrimage to the Mississippi Headwaters on September 22nd and 23rd. Enjoy the last days of summer and celebrate the incredible lakes and rivers of Minnesota. Meet with Water Protectors at the northern resistance camps and learn more about indigenous treaty rights, wild rice. The weekend will end with a vigil at the Mississippi Headwaters in which religious leaders from every major faith tradition will affirm the sacred nature of water and our moral commitment to protecting life.

For details, contact Rita Chamblin, Bemidji Unitarian Universalist Liaison to MN IPL, at inpeacewithlove@yahoo.com or 806/939-6618.

Citizens' Climate Lobby

In a summer when we see (literally) the effects of ongoing drought, the impact of an ever-increasing wildfire season and horizons curtained with smoke, it's reassuring to know that our legislators are open to conversation and constituent concern about the issue of climate change. The Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a non-profit, bi-partisan, grassroots lobbying organization focused on national policies relating to climate change. The Fergus Falls Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby has been working to raise legislative and citizen awareness. The organization works to engage local legislators in a bi-partisan effort to champion climate solutions. In November UCU member Janell Miersch along with her friends Beth Monke and Patty Shol will talk to our congregation about CCL and how our Unitarian Principles call us to join with others to mitigate the impending effects of climate change with just and ethical responses. We will focus on:

[1st Principle](#): *The inherent worth and dignity of every person* and [5th Principle](#): *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large* in this bi-partisan legislative effort

[4th Principle](#): *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning* when some are denouncing climate change

[7th Principle](#): *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part* as we accept our responsibility to remedy and mitigate climate change

Questions can be directed to 218-205- 4007 or email fergusfalls.mn@citizensclimatelobby.org or talk to Janell Miersch.

See you in November! *Janell Miersch*

Save the Dates!!

Social Justice Workshop

"Outreach in Challenging Times"

St. Cloud Unitarian Church

October 13, 2018

10-3 p.m.

With Guest Speaker Danny Givens, MUUSJA, speaking at their Sunday service on October 14.

Note: Members from the St. Cloud Unitarian Church attended the UCU 2017 Fall Workshop and now they have stepped forward to host in 2018. Hopefully, many UCU members and friends can attend to show our support and commitment to our fellow UU church and to social and environmental justice actions. Contact Judy Foster @ jfoster58@charter.net or Mary Anderson @ maryanderson8380@msn.com.

Take Time to Have Fun!!



September 9, 2:30 p.m. - Dalton Opera House (109 Summit)

October 6, 7 p.m. – Fergus Falls Eagles Aerie (120 S Peck)

HOUSE CONCERT

Acoustic Folk by R Mark Fogelson

R Mark Fogelson will perform a house concert at Ron and Barbara Graham's house on Friday, October 5, from 7 - 9. Donation goal \$300. Bring food to share if you wish. First 23 to sign up will have a very enjoyable evening. Reserve your spot by contacting Ron Graham - 218-739-5669 or (preferred) universeron@hotmail.com
More information: Website: www.rmarkmusic.com.



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF UNDERWOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES—JULY 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING

Board members present: Kris Warhol, David Sanderson, Connie Stigen, John Miersch, Darryl Booker, Shannon Smith, and John Minge.

Board members absent: Stan Carignan, Ron Roller, and Bob Worner.

Others in attendance: JoAnn Larson

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Board President Kris Warhol.

1. JoAnn opened the Meeting by reading “The Last Word” by Peter Boullata.
2. Agenda: The proposed agenda for this meeting was approved. (J.Miersch/Sanderson)
3. Minutes of the June 20, 2018, Board Meeting were approved. (Booker/Smith)
4. Treasurer’s Report. There was no Treasurer’s Report due to Ron’s absence.
5. Administrative Consultant’s Report. JoAnn reported that things are “bustling” and that there are no issues—i.e., bad news—that she’s aware of. Children’s RE is taking off. Sunday morning services are going well. And good speakers are being booked in a timely fashion.
6. Program Committee Report. Kris also reported that Sunday morning services are going well. The Program Committee is working with Sverdrup Lutheran Church on an apple-picking and distribution activity. Later in the Board meeting, Kris talked about U Group topics that she is selecting. Connie mentioned that, in the past, many of the U Group topics were taken off of the UU website which has a lot of great information. Shannon said that topics can be repeated after a few years and that that’s already been done on a few occasions. Kris is going to ask Mary Worner for a list of U Group members. (The reason for this was not clear to the undersigned.) Shannon talked briefly about celebrant activities. The celebrants just finished the book “Fluent in Faith”. Some new books have been ordered for future study by the celebrants.
7. Stewardship Committee Report. Dave reported that a big meeting of this Committee has recently taken place. A joint meeting of the Committee with the Empowerment Grant Committee is going to be taking place soon. Collections and budget reports will be made to the Church congregation at Sunday morning services on a quarterly basis to encourage giving. It is the intention of the Stewardship Committee to be more involved with new members so as to familiarize them with the financial needs of the Church. And, finally, the UU book “Beyond Fundraising” is to be used by the Stewardship Committee as a guide in the future.
8. Foundation Committee Report. Dave indicated that there was nothing to report from this Committee.
9. Community Outreach Committee. There was no report from the Community Outreach Committee due to Bob’s absence.
10. Facilities Committee Report. [The report from this Committee came in two parts at different parts of the meeting.] Darryl said that there were two issues in the church sanctuary. One is the quality of the air—which is probably worse than what it should be—and ventilation. Among other things, the fans are too small for the volume of air in the building. Darryl reported that the Committee and its projects are a moving target and that it’s hard to keep up. He asked whether or not the “white boards” from Katie Olson have been received yet and, if not, when they will be received. He also asked about leaky bathroom windows. Kris said that they still leak. It was moved and seconded that the Facilities Committee look into the leaky bathroom window and door and report back to the Board with its recommendation(s). This motion pertained to the old, small bathroom. (Smith/Sanderson) This motion passed. There was then additional discussion regarding the following matters that are being discussed by the Facilities Committee that will probably require Board action in the future: (a) kitchen cabinet

labeling that the Battle Lake U Group is planning to do; (b) carpet cleaning—preferably to be done by a commercial cleaning company—about which Connie will do some cost-checking and get back to the Board; (c) touch-up wall painting that Darryl will talk to Susan Groff about and get back to the Board on; (d) the “porch project”—paneling the porch in the Sverdrup Suites unit that the Church is using—is coming along nicely and looks good; (e) and chairs which Darryl characterized as “an interesting topic” and a topic which is/can be very complicated. It was moved and seconded that the Facilities Committee arrange to have the quality of the air tested and report back to the Board with a proposal as to how to proceed with that issues. (Sanderson/Miersch) That motion passed. There was much discussion of the chair issue. Apparently, much is being learned about the use of chairs by Darryl and others on the Board. Darryl presented a written summary of some of what he’s learned about chairs. The Facilities Committee will be following up on all of these topics and reporting back to the Board but without a specific timetable.

11. Sverdrup Suites. Kris reported that some of the tenants were unhappy about parking in the parking lot by Church members that has made parking difficult for the tenants. (It was suggested but not established that this might have been a problem only during the recent rummage sale.) It was agreed that we want to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of our tenants.

12. Safety Committee Report. Dave said that there was nothing to report.

13. Membership Committee Report. John (Miersch) reported that this Committee will have its next meeting in September. He also briefly mentioned a few challenges that some Church members are facing.

14. Communications Committee Report. Kris said that there was no report to be received from this Committee.

15. Space Planning Task Force Report. There is no report from this Task Force.

16. Record Keeping. There was no report on this activity.

17. NEW BUSINESS: It was moved and seconded that the Board meet monthly on Wednesday evenings and that none of the monthly Board meetings take place on Sundays after the church service. (Dave/J.Miersch) This motion passed.

18. OTHER BUSINESS: There was some limited discussion regarding the importance of regular attendance at Board meetings. Kris talked about cultivating relationships with new Church members as that group is a source of future Church leaders. And there was some discussion regarding the heat build-up in the church on warm Sundays. There seemed to be a consensus that not much could be done with a small air conditioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Dated: July 31, 2018.

/s/ John Minge _____
John Minge, Secretary