

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
June 2025
Monthly Message for All Ages

When we live authentically, we honor the truth that
all people are beloved.

Reflection by Cara Stultz Costello

OUR MISSION

**To be a welcoming diverse congregation that
values spiritual growth and service to the local
and world community.**

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We are a “church” as derived from the Greek word ekklesia, which means an assembly of people – a community. We believe in the **Seven Principles** which are grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world’s religions.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
4. A free and responsible search for meaning and truth.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



June Calendar of Events
Services and Book Club are also on
ZOOM

6/1 Sunday.

* 9:00 AM. Board meeting in the building.

* **Annual Meeting** in the sanctuary immediately following the service.

6/2, Tuesday. 6-8 PM. Girl Scout troop 10871 Meeting

6/4, Wednesday. 6-8 PM. Indivisible will meet in the dining room. Open to all.

6/7, Saturday. Girl Scouts blessing of the pavers at Extraordinary Acres, 90 Wilson Rd. 2-5 PM

6/8, Sunday. 1-3 PM. Merry Meet: A Casual Gathering for Pagans, Witches and Earth-based Folks. See below.

6/14, Saturday. 6-8 PM. Girl Scout Troop bridging and end of year celebration.

6/21, Saturday. 2 PM. Pagan Gathering Picnic. See below.

6/22, Sunday. 1 PM Annual Picnic at Stieber’s

6/25 Wednesday. 2 PM Book Club. “Queens of London” by Heather Webb. On Zoom. Feel free to join in.

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)

6/1 **Chris Kubenberger**

6/8 **Rev Kurt Hohmann – In the Fullness of Light: Embracing Freedom**

6/15 **Rev Bud Adam**

6/22 **Annual Picnic ALL ARE WELCOME**

Pastoral Care

Rev. Bud Adams is the minister to call if someone needs pastoral care. If you or someone else you know needs to speak with a minister please contact Bud at (315) 395-1926 or (315) 637-0468. His email is bud.adams.1@juno.com

PAGAN GATHERINGS

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* 6/8. Sunday. 1-3 PM at 1st U. Meet and find community among local Pagans, allies and curious minds. This event is hosted by Church of the Greenwood. Attendance is free and open to the public.



* 6/21. Úthellingu Kindred will not be holding their usual get-together at the church on the second Saturday in June. Instead, we're hosting a picnic at Highland Park in Syracuse, starting at 2:00 on June 21, in celebration of the Midsummer holiday. As always, this is a casual get-together where anyone can meet and socialize with Norse Pagans. We'll be grilling, but additional snacks & beverages are always welcomed!

We're open to honorable folks regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation. All who welcome all are welcome.

To learn more visit www.uthellingu.org or contact uthellingu@gmail.com

Rev. Kurt Hohmann

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The girl scouts are sponsoring the **Youth Empowerment Initiative program**. This is a community driven referral system that provides up to 40 families with needed resources. Currently 27 families are involved.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.

There have been no official meetings this past year. Our small congregation and counsel have all been included in any Social Justice decisions.

I'm proud that we have opened our space and church community to Katie H. and Girl Scout troop 10871. Presently, their empowerment group is assisting families in need of food, clothes, books and more. The future will expand to after school safe space and training experiences. We are donating our collection plate coins and bottle returns to them. I know there are volunteer opportunities for you with the Girl Scouts.

Our building is used by AA, Kurt's Pagan group, and North Shore Indivisible.

Ellen Lapine is credited with ensuring the blood drive has continued for so many years.

I will be available to bring your ideas and issues to our congregation for discussion and support.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Amanda, Arny

* We are making progress on updating our web site and adding a number of social media platforms.

* We now have very attractive, pride color UUA book marks for your use and as give aways at events.

They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other.

* Reminder - wear your 1st U hoodies and T's, not just to Service but everywhere!

* The **most effective way to grow our Congregation** is by personal contact. Invite people to our Service. Tell them about our Seven Principals. Many people are looking for an accepting community and that's us! With our Zoom connection they can be anywhere. SPREAD THE WORD.

* If you have ideas on how we can let others know about our openness and acceptance to all beliefs, please let a committee member know.

PALESTINE- The Genocide Continues.

An Opportunity for Us to Live Our Seven Principals.

Compiled by Arny Stieber

Our Seven Principals guide us in our relations. The first Principal is: The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Our fourth Principal is: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Congress is now considering making it a federal offense to criticize Israel. They're using "anti-semitism" as their reason. This is bogus.

I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814.

See previous Newsletters for more background information. The first link below is updated daily and has a wealth of information.

* <https://ifamericansknew.org/>

* [Zionism and Propaganda](#)

* [What Does This Say About Ourselves?](#)

* [Israel and the UN](#)

* [Documentary](#)

