

**CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP**  
**August 2025**  
Monthly Message for All Ages

Love is the power that holds us together  
and is at the center of our shared values.

**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.



**August Calendar of Events**

Look to the end of newsletter for  
photos of our many summer activities.  
Sharing the UU Principles by action.

**Services and Book Club are also on  
ZOOM**

- 8/17 Sunday service in the Church**  
**8/18 Monday Indivisible Meeting (Dining Room. Not on Zoom)**  
**8/27 Wednesday 2PM Book Club. “Lamb” by Christopher Moore. On Zoom. Feel free to join in.** (September - *Absolution* by Alice McDermot. October - *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray)

**SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS**

- 10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)**  
**8/17 Rev Bud Adams**  
**8/24 Rev Andrea Abbott**  
**8/31 Fifth Sunday Program (NOTE: this will be on a different Zoom link. Watch your email for a special announcement.)**

**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](mailto:bud.adams.1@juno.com)

**PAGAN GATHERINGS**

Úthellingu Kindred invites you to join us in the dining room on the **second Saturday every month** from 5-8 pm, for a casual get-together where you can meet and socialize with Norse Pagans. 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](http://www.uthellingu.org) or contact [uthellingu@gmail.com](mailto:uthellingu@gmail.com)

**Rev. Kurt Hohmann**

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## 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. Contact Katie Haberer for more information.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.

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

## MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Janis, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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](#)

## BOOK CLUB

September book is "Lamb" by Christopher Moore  
October book – "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict

Gatherings are on Zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 2 P.M. Feel free to join the discussion by clicking this [Zoom](#) link.

## UUA Reading Suggestion

### **Social Change Now**

### **A Guide for Reflection and Connection**

Author: [Deepa Iyer](#)

**To engage in social change at this moment in time requires consistent attention, deep reflection, and committed collective action. *Social Change Now* is a powerful roadmap for individuals and organizations who are ready to deepen their commitment**

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES



**Community Involvement.**  
**Rev Andrea Abbott Dedicating bricks at Gettle Park**



**Participation at Pride Day - with Katie & Girl Scouts**



**Sharing with Joanne at Farmers Market**

### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

The Newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month. It is assembled by Lucy Stieber based on your input. If you have items, please email to Lucy at [LASTIEBER@aol.com](mailto:LASTIEBER@aol.com)

**Trustee Planning Meeting.** This is last year's photo since we forgot to take a group photo this year. Not shown is Ronna (she was on Zoom).



Also attending (Board meeting are open to all) in person was Janis, and on Zoom Bud and Tayna.