CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
February 2026

OUR MISSION
WE LIVE OUR VALUSE ALOUD NOT ALONE.

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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.

WE BELIEVE IN DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & LOVE

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Sunday - Trustee Meeting 9AM (Dining Room)
5th Thursday – Widening the Circle discussion group, 6:30 PM. On Zoom. See below.
25th Wednesday - ":Theo of Golden" by Allan Levi Feel free to join in on Zoom

NOTE: Services, Book Club, Widening the Circle are also on

ZOOM

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on Zoom
2/1 Susan Woods – Presentation and discussion of the article, "Getting Serious About UU" by Rev. Scott Alexander.
2/8 Rev. Kurt Hohmann –"Burning Inside, Not Burning Out"
2/15 Rev. Bud Adams
2/22 Rev. Andrea Abbott

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

WIDENING THE CIRCLE

The next UUCS discussion group, Widening the Circle, will be held on Thursday, February 5th from 6:30–7:30 PM, facilitated by Ellen LaPine.
Our question for the evening is: What values are important to you and why?
All are welcome—we look forward to sharing this time with you!
The Zoom link is the same as for our Sunday services.

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 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. Contact Katie -KaHaberer@yahoo.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.
The January blood drive was cancelled by the Red Cross due to lack of staff.
The next one is scheduled in March.
The Pot Luck Lunch to celebrate the Girl Scouts is 2/8@12:30.
The sign up sheet is in the dining room.
I found out that the SPCA is accepting clean, plastic med bottles.We have a bagful, but bring more in as they are available.
There is a collection bag in the coat closet for winter items.
Don't forget to check out end of season sales. Or sew, knit or crochet something. .This is an ongoing collection.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Arny
* The new web site is nearing completion. On the social media side Joannie is handling our Facebook and Instagram posts.
* Be sure to request and use our very attractive, pride color UUA book marks. They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other. Carry a few with you and be ambassadors for 1st U.
* 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
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.

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: "How Israel Won the West"

The Israeli slaughter and starvation of Palestinians continues. Why does Palestine matter? Our government is violating international law (the Genocide Convention) and U.S. law (The Leahy Law and four others) because of its support for the destruction and death in Palestine. Over $40 billion of our tax dollars have been spent in the past two years supporting this illegal and immoral activity. This money could have been spent helping WE THE PEOPLE. One area – 20% of U.S. children go to bed hungry every night.
I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814.

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