

## CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

April 2026

### OUR MISSION

LIVE YOUR VALUES OUT LOUD NOT ALONE

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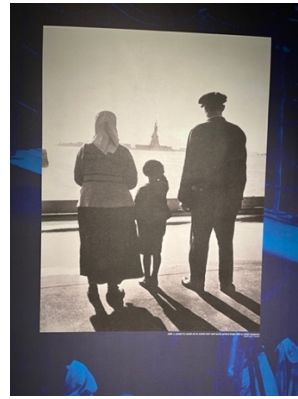
#### Trustees

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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



We are a resilient people

#### APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/2, Thursday – Widening the Circle discussion group, 6:30 PM. On Zoom. See below.  
4/5, Sunday - Trustee Meeting 9AM (Dining Room)  
4/19, Sunday – Antique appraisal. See Social Justice Committee below.  
4/29, Wednesday - Book “The Lovely On” by Ketanji Brown  
Next month, May 27<sup>th</sup> book selection is “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans  
Feel free to join in

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

**ZOOM**

#### SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

- 10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)  
4/5 Discussion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle  
4/12 Rev. Kurt Hohmann -  
4/19 Rev. Andrea Abbott  
4/26 Rev. Bud Adams

#### 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)

### WIDENING THE CIRCLE

The next UUCS discussion group, **Widening the Circle**, will be held on **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30–7:30 PM**, facilitated by **Ellen LaPine**.

Our topic for the evening is: **“What advise would you give to your younger self?”**

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](http://www.uthellingu.org) or contact [uthellingu@gmail.com](mailto: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. SJC/Find\$\$\$

New double duty committee.....

A very large bag of Rx bottles was donated to SPCA.

Remember: ongoing collection of prescription glasses for C.S. Lions and winter accessories for CS schools

Fundraising ideas, I am encouraging input from all.

1. We have an Antique Appraisal event 4/19 12-3p. Please pick up a flyer to post.

This has been added to our website and passed on to Joannie for Social Media.

The CS village has added it to their online calendar, quarterly newsletter, and put on town

hall sign 4/6-4/19. Will have free coffee and \$1 donuts and donated home baked goods.

2. Plant sale combined with bake sale or chicken BBQ. Do you know anyone in this business?

3. Food: a. Spring picnic.... hot dogs plus

b. Afternoon Brunch

c. Soups and Salad Bar

Free meal for 1st responders.

4. Concerts or open mic

5. Offer upper level rooms for rent to small businesses.

7. Applefest .....many ideas in planning

8. Service or merchandise auction

9. Sign up with SPCA to sell their merch at events for small profit.

10. Fall rummage sale

11. Paver for ALBERT Z at

Extraordinary Acres: Need to collect \$70 for engraving. Announce collection plate for this purpose a couple Sundays?

Also, We might ask Stewart's for ice cream again.

We have an offer to bring a therapy horse to an appropriate event.

A lot to think about.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** – Susan, Paul, Katie, Arny, Brenda.

\* We have been working with our web site company to make our new site not only appealing, but easy for search engines to find.

This is an essential part of the process. In addition to Facebook, we've added Instagram.

\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> U.

\* 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**

### **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 realize that many people think Palestine has no relationship with what's going on in the Middle East. However, based on many reports I've seen (not in the US. of course) Palestine is at the heart of the violence perpetuated by the U.S. and Israel and the violence is spreading.

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"](#)

Why does Palestine matter? Our government is violating International and U.S. law 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 and a half 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](mailto:LASTIEBER@aol.com)