

## CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

June 2026

### OUR MISSION

We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

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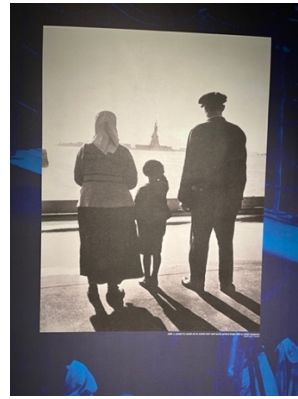
### Trustees

Marcia Burrell	Susan Wood
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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

### JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/4 Thursday – Widening the Circle discussion group, 7:00PM. On Zoom. See below.  
6/7 Sunday - Trustee Meeting 9AM (Dining Room)  
6/21 Annual Picnic (at Stieber’s)  
6/24 Wednesday - Book Club 1PM  
“Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon  
Feel free to join in . See below

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

**ZOOM**

### SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

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

6/7 Juliette Forse – Avalon (music group)

6/14 Rev. Kurt Hohmann –

“A Midsummer Dream”

6/21 Annual Summer Picnic at Stieber’s – Pleasant Lake. See Below

**NOTE: The last Service for the summer is 6/14. Services will resume August 16<sup>th</sup>**

### 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

Please join us Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 PM on [ZOOM](#) as we switch gears and share positivity in our meeting group. The discussion will begin with a question about our favorite traits and why. A way to share values, explore identity and encourage positive self-worth. Each meeting is strictly an hour facilitated by Trustee Ellen LaPine. The discussions are illuminating, educational and always inspirational. Check it out: Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**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.

I have been talking informally with committee and other church members about social issues and fundraising ideas. The Appraisal event was successful with a profit of \$616.

There will be a plant exchange May 14<sup>th</sup> at church. Please thin out your garden, bring them that day and maybe take something different home. We can possibly open this to the community. It might not be profitable, but fun.

I am talking to Katie about partnering with the Scouts for a Chichen BBQ.

I will call the CSHS music department to talk about any "private" kid bands. (need a place to rehearse or perform.)

How to reach the public to rent space? - use our new sign?

I am investigating an idea that Susan suggested, Can we offer rides to polling sites?

I'm sure there is more to discuss and share, so just email me, or talk up at coffee time.

Thanks for reading. Nancy

### BOOK CLUB (Zoom)

The book club will meet the last Wednesday of the month during the summer at 1PM on [ZOOM](#)

The upcoming books are:

"The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Discussion on 6/24.

"The Gravediggers Daughter" by Joyce Carol Oats. Discussion on 7/29.

"A Psalm for the White Bull" and "A Prayer for the Crown-Shy". Discussion on 8/26

### MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Army, Brenda.

\* The new web site is done but not activated yet! There is a new URL – FirstUCS.org. We'll advise everyone when it's activated. The old site will remain active for at least 6 months. A notice will be put on the old site directing people to the new. We also have a Facebook and Instagram page.

\* 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.

## Annual Picnic – Pleasant Lake

Date: SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

Time: ANYTIME AFTER 1 PM

Place: LUCY & ARNY'S HOME

95 Baton Rd., Pennellville.

Refreshments provided: Tacos with vegan meat & trimmings; Water; Lemonade; Wine.

Feel free to bring appetizers, desserts, other salads, drinks and whatever you would like.

Contact ARNY by **voice, text or email if you need directions. Text is best – he misses a lot of emails** 😊 **734-216-1814**

### PALESTINE IS KEY

**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 U.S. of course), Palestine is at the heart of the violence perpetuated by the U.S. and Israel and the violence has spread across the Middle East and may soon go beyond. The reason for this violence is because there have been no consequences for illegal and/or immoral actions. The last link below points this out.

The first link below is updated daily and has a wealth of information. The next are historical. The last is about an attack on a U.S. military ship that killed 34 and wounded over 170.

\* <https://ifamericansknew.org/>

\* [Zionism and Propaganda](#)

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

\* [Israel and the UN](#)

\* [Documentary: "How Israel Won the West"](#)

\* [The Day Israel Attacked the U.S.](#)

Why does Palestine matter? Our government is violating International (Genocide Convention and others) and U.S. law (Leahy law and others) because of its support for the destruction and death in Palestine. Over \$40 billion of our tax dollars has 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.

## **UUA SUMMER INSTITUTE**

Registration Open for Summer Institute 2026

Join us for Summer Institute 2026 in exploring Co-Creating Hope: The Art and Beauty of

Resilience with Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie. This

intentionally multigenerational camp offers

something for everyone and we'd love to welcome

you July 5-11, 2026 at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH.

Details and registration at the CERSI website

(<https://www.cersiuu.org/>)

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### **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)