

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
February 2024
Monthly Message for All Ages

The work that we do together to build a world in which all of us are free and thriving is interrelated. When we ground our spirits, grow our skills, and act strategically for justice in deep relationship with each other and our Movements, we choose to Side With Love.



February Calendar of Events

Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)

- * 2/2 Sunday. 8:30 AM Board meeting in the building. All Are Welcome!
- * 2/26, 2PM February Book Club "The Trouble With White Women" (see below).

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

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

- Feb 2nd Rev Tanya Adams (see below for Special Gathering)
- Feb 9th Rev Kurt Hohmann "Imbolc and the Sacredness of Inclusion"
- Feb 16th Rev Bud Adam
- Feb 23rd TBD

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.

We continue to collect hats, mitts and scarves for distribution by the Lioness. We will continue to collect cans and coins on Sundays. We will contribute whatever we can to the new after school program that will housed at 1st U.

SPECIAL GATHERING

Sunday, February 2, 2025 will be TANYA ADAMS final scheduled sermon. We have enjoyed Tanya's words of wisdom and sharing. As a thank you and good wishes for the future, we are having a gathering after the service in the dining room. Please join us! Bring a treat to share would add to the event ☺

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.

NEW ACTIVITY

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. *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.

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

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

* 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.

* We hope to be working with a professional web designer to update our web site and social media presence. This will cost in the area of \$13,000 for one year of service. We are seeking grants.

* 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. *Our message is greatly needed in this time of division, distrust and fear.*

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 26th 2PM

"The Trouble With White Women" by Kyla Schuller

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Reading Suggestion

[How We Learn to Be Brave](#)

Decisive Moments in Life and Faith

Author: [Marianne Edgar Budde](#)

An inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves.

PALESTINE- Our Taxes Pay for Genocide.

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 background information. Current information is below:

- * <https://ifamericansknew.org/>
- * [Zionism and Propaganda](#)
- * [What Does This Say About Ourselves?](#)
- * [Israel and the UN](#)
- * [Documentary](#)

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