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**Sunday, July 2 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"Globalization Considered"

**Dan Orr; Richard Curtis, flute and more**

The far-reaching revolution in the way the world conducts and finances commerce has reawakened age-old moral and ethical concerns. The questions of what is produced, and how, and who benefits from it, are profoundly significant to the lives and well-being of all humans, and possibly even to the survival of the race. For this service, I'll draw on my professional background as an economist to focus on what's needed to humanize the conduct of production and trade.

**Sunday, July 9 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"Unitarian Christianity"

**Paul Ward, M.D.**

William Ellery Channing (1780-1842) studied theology at Harvard. First, as minister in a Boston Congregational Church, he came to be known as "the apostle of Unitarianism." He preferred to avoid abstruse points of doctrine, concentrating instead on morality, charity and Christian responsibilities. Denounced by the orthodox Calvinist periodical, "The Panoplist," Channing issued several defenses of his position, the best-known being "Unitarian Christianity," delivered at an ordination in Baltimore in 1819. In this famous speech he emphasized the unimportance of "the Trinity." It is this talk that Dr. Paul Ward will recreate for us on July 9.

**Sunday, July 16 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"The Attribute of the Strong"

**Karen McCarthy; Judith Weaver, violin**

Gandhi said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." It takes strength to admit to having hurt someone, and admit to having been hurt, and then seek to forgive and be forgiven. This service will explore forgiveness that occurs in the privacy of a heart, forgiveness between people, and forgiveness in community.

**Sunday, July 23 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"Living Lives of Meaning and Significance"

**Rev. Kevin Tarsa; Bob Hicks, trumpet**

My personal quest to better understand the nature of meaningfulness has brought me to the work of philosopher Irving Singer and of professor of psychology Paul Bloom. I am taken with Singer's suggestion of a significant life, "one that is more than just happy or meaningful." I am fascinated by Paul Bloom's conclusion that we are natural-born dualists and that we are physiologically inclined to seek meaning. And I wonder what each of these perspectives asks of us as individuals and as a religious community.

**Sunday, July 30 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"Beginning Anew: Renovation and Transformation"

**Rachele Rosi-Kessel; Rebecca Lessard, hammered dulcimer**

Choosing to start over and move forward through a difficult change takes courage and is often exhausting, but it can also be full of joyful surprises and great satisfaction. As a newly married homeowner, gardener, and mother of a toddler, Rachele Rosi-Kessel will offer us some inspiring and humorous insights on building and growing as we begin a new phase in the life of UUCGT.

**Sunday, August 6 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"New Beginnings: From Independence to Transcendence"

**Eric Carlson**

An exploration of one young man's return to his Unitarian Universalist faith community, first as an individual, next as a community organizer, and finally as one pursuing the path towards ministry. Erik David Carlson is a seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, a founding member of the Church of the Younger Fellowship, and son of UU Congregation of Grand Traverse member Jean Carlson Adams.

**Sunday, August 13 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

"Home" (...and a "Homecoming" Sunday!)

**Karen McCarthy and Rev. Kevin Tarsa, with members of the UUCGT Vocal Ensemble.**

So many of those who discover Unitarian Universalism describe feeling "at home" spiritually for the first time in their lives. Karen and Kevin and singers will explore the nature of "home" at multiple levels and in a variety of arenas in our lives. What makes a home for you? For what sense of home do you long?

We extend a special invitation to all past members and friends to join us on August 13. Please call, write and e-mail those that you know, and invite them to the service and to the yet-to-be-organized enjoying of food and conversation afterwards.

# From your Minister of Music

W.L.W.Y.W.?

I have, of late, been carrying in my pocket a small key ring onto which I have threaded four wooden beads, one for each of the letters I, N, A, and M. I was, of course, inspired by the WWJD (What would Jesus Do?) bracelets. My letters,

I.N.A.M., represent the words "It's Not About Me."

I carry them as a reminder to pull my attention away from my usual intense self focus (How does this effect me?!) and to listen for the needs—and thoughts and feelings—of others. I carry them as a reminder that placing myself at the center of the known universe serves no one well, not even me.

I find myself drawn to tangible, tactile spiritual reminders. The simple set of four beads in my pocket act as a magnet for my fingers, and I cycle through them as I

would have the rosary beads of my youth. In my busy days, with my attention pulled in so many worthy directions, I long for rituals, for spiritual practices that can become valuable, habitual grounding reminders of....well, of both what is always important and what is currently important.

Colorful, flexible bracelets for any number of causes and ventures circle the wrists of many people these days. They are our current rosaries. Our current reminders. Of what do you most want to be reminded these days? What message is important enough to you, that you would be willing to wear a string of letters on your wrist...or on a key ring ...or a knotted cord in your pocket?

W.L.W.Y.W.? What Letters Would You Wear?

Yours,

*Rev. Kevin Tarsa*

## ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### UU Quilters

Those who would like to learn as well as experienced stitchers are welcome. We meet from 1-4. Come for all or whatever part you can. Materials provided. Quilts are for UU fundraisers and other good causes. We will meet on the following dates:

- \* July 12 and July 26
- \* August 9 and August 23
- \* September 13 and September 27

Call Bonnie Mathias or Kathy Prentice for more info.

### Men's Group

The Men's Group will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 14. Watch for further information in the August *BEACON*.

### Crones and Scones Summer Schedule:

- Thurs. July 6 - Time and meeting place to be announced - Cherry Festival Tour of the Old Mission Barns and lunch out.
- Sat. July 22 9:30 AM - Lunch at the Flap Jack Restaurant
- Thurs. Aug 3 Specifics TBA - Traverse City Film Festival Event

- Thurs. Aug 17 5:00PM Meet at Solveig's home to carpool to the Beach Bums Ladies night Baseball game. Supper at the ballpark. Tickets are \$10 each and reservations must be made by Aug.3 (call Solveig for info)
- Sat. Aug 26 Meet at 9:00 AM at Solveig's home to carpool to the home of Pat Trezise on Duck Lake Peninsula. Potluck Brunch Meeting
- Thurs. Sept.7 11:00 AM Labyrinth Walk and Lunch out.

Please watch the Order of Service announcements for updates or call Solveig Gustafson 231-929-9608.

### Ideas for the APRIL FOOLS CONCERT theme?

We are in the midst of choosing a theme for next year's April Fools Concert, our incredible fund- and FUN-raiser. What are your ideas for a theme? If you enjoy tossing around ideas in a group setting, let us know so that we can make sure you know about upcoming gatherings. You may also e-mail ideas to: [musicuucgt@charterinternet.com](mailto:musicuucgt@charterinternet.com) or call Kevin at 922-8146.

### UU ORCHESTRA: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 10: "Resumption" Sunday with "Wake Now My Senses"—our first fall service with the Rev. Chip Roush (You can get music now!)

October 8: Separate pieces for string, woodwind, and brass ensembles, plus, in the end, the full Orchestra.

## MUSICAL NOTES

### Music Thank You's...

- ♪ To Cindy Edmonson, Nancy Landfair, Shelley Burnes, Paul Ward and Bob Hicks, who wowed us again with "I Am A Patriot" on May 28.
- ♪ To the Ward Family - Anna and Paula, flute, William, string bass, and Paul, guitar - and R. Gary Deavel, piano for their wonderful music on June 4.
- ♪ To Paul and William Ward, again, for a moving offering of "Old Man" by Neil Young on Father's Day, June 18.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

Summer is here, pleasantly, and to be enjoyed with all the seasons. As for Social Justice issues, there are many pressing problems that need our attention. I am busy with some and also in planning videos and events for the Fall. If anyone is interested and has the time to help, ideas and/ or energy are appreciated, please let me know. Thank you! – Emmy Lou

## ALL ABOUT US

**MEMORIAL:** On June 11th Norman Brokaw died suddenly leaving his wife Barbara and his 3 sons, Kevin, Chris and David as well as his mother who survives. He was much too young and will be sorely missed by many.

Unfortunately, during memorials and after someone leaves us we find out more about their lives and the number of people who experience great loss. Our hearts go out to the whole family.

**MY THANKS:** It is during such memorials as Norm's that I marvel at the wonderful way we all come together to make things happen and give the family the best we can offer at our UU congregation. As I begin the task of rallying help I am always so grateful to those who offer their help and food. For that reason I want to not only thank those but to name names this time. I know it is always a chance that I will forget a name and I do hope that that will not be the case. So thank you to:

- ❖ Bonnie Mathias—my wonderful co-chair who is so very, very helpful always.
- ❖ Bob Fitch—who not only mowed the lower parking lot in 90 degree heat but put up signs and directed traffic and filled in wherever needed elsewhere.
- ❖ Richard Curtis—who not only cleaned but did a great job of setting up chairs in a special way I requested in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Paul Kauffman—who ably handled the sound system.
- ❖ Mary Ann Force—who worked with Barbara to arrange the sanctuary setting up front as well as working to the bitter end cleaning up in the kitchen.
- ❖ Connie Hoffman and Linda Carps—who sent out e-mails for us to inform the UU's.
- ❖ Mary Van Valin—who made signs and helped in the logistics of the tables and chairs as well as childcare.
- ❖ Bill Mathias—who is always setting up tables and whatever else we need.

❖ Mercedes Kimling—who did some shopping for us and helped set up.

To those who helped set up and serve and clean up and provide food: Solveig Gustafson, Peg Kauffman, Pinkie and John Hoffman, Kathy and Lilli Prentice, Penny and John Ort, Gail Heath, Judy and David Halsted, and Sally Mitchell.

It goes without saying—the wonderful service Kevin performed for the family with his readings and observations and the music and the musicians and serving the family in what they wanted in their celebration of Norm's life.

To Kim Gribi, Jean Saalfeld, Judy Barrett-Walters, Paul and Paula Ward and Chris Williams the musicians.

It takes a Congregation to make a Memorial happen!!

### WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS:

- ♥ Charley Hansen (who now has the care of hospice) as well as Alice and her daughters.
- ♥ Richard Myer, who has entered the hospital for a new treatment and will be in Munson for 3-4 days at a time.
- ♥ Jim McAndrews, who had angioplasty and 3 stents and is now home healing.

### WE ARE MINDFUL OF:

Ruth Gamble who has a birthday July 5th and will be moving into an assisted living home on the Boardman—the Inverness. A big change for her and one we feel she will enjoy since she no longer has Jim.

Margaret Tarsa (Kevin's mother) who is receiving treatments for cancer.

Beecy Fraser who continues to live in the Pavilions.

Barbara Berry who continues to heal after a fall in her rock garden

Joan and Ralph Laird who are managing at home with help.

Gene Rundell who will be back on his bicycle in no time, I just know.

—Arline Howe, Pastoral Care

### Email Address Change

Tim Cairns's new email address is [timothy@foodforthought.net](mailto:timothy@foodforthought.net).

Also please note: This Summer we will be changing over to a new church management database. Lately, we have had a number of emails returned undeliverable because of invalid email addresses. If everyone with an email address would send an email with valid address(es) to [uucgt@charterinternet.com](mailto:uucgt@charterinternet.com), we will update our database. This will greatly improve our ability to communicate with you. Thanks for your time in doing this.

—Connie Hoffman,  
Congregational Administrator

### Become Part of the Solution! Participate in the Decision-Making Process for Cutting Next Year's Proposed Budget

- When:** Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10 o'clock service  
or  
Wednesday evening July 26 at 5:30.
- Where:** UUCGT
- What:** A structured, consensus-building process to determine congregants' input to the Board's coming decision-making regarding a dramatically lowered proposed budget for the 06-07 church year beginning this September 1<sup>st</sup>. (This process is much different from the format of a Congregational Conversation.)
- Why:** Canvass pledges as of June 24 indicate pledges of only \$219,152 compared to the \$231,835 primary goal.

**PLEASE COME!!!!!!**

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### Calendar

All events take place at the Congregation building unless otherwise noted  
July

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| 2  | Sun   | <b>"Globalization Considered," Dan Orr; Richard Curtis, flute and more, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>                       | 23     | Sun   | <b>"Living Lives of Meaning and Significance," Rev. Kevin Tarsa; Bob Hicks, trumpet, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>                                    |
| 3  | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   | 24     | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   |
| 6  | Thurs | Crones & Scones, S. Gustafson, Cherry Festival Tour of the Old Mission Barns and lunch out. Time & meeting place to be announced | 26     | Wed   | UU Quilters, Bonnie Mathias & Kathy Prentice, Social Hall, 1-4:00 p.m.   |
| 6  | Thurs | Finance Committee, P Jessup, 7 – 9:00 PM   | 30     | Sun   | <b>"Beginning Anew: Renovation and Transformation," Rachele Rosi-Kessel; Rebecca Lessard, hammered dulcimer, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>            |
| 8  | Sat   | Hike with Greg La Cross @ Twin Lakes Camp, 11:00 a.m. (carpool @ 10:30/Oleson's)   | 31     | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   |
| 9  | Sun   | <b>"Unitarian Christianity," Paul Ward, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>   | August |       |  |
| 10 | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   | 3      | Thurs | Crones & Scones, S. Gustafson, Traverse City Film Festival Event; specifics to be announced  |
| 11 | Tues  | Board, Penny Ort, 5:30 p.m.  | 3      | Thurs | Finance Committee, P. Jessup, 7 – 9:00 p.m.  |
| 12 | Wed   | UU Quilters, Bonnie Mathias & Kathy Prentice, Social Hall, 1-4:00 p.m.   | 5      | Sat   | Hike with Greg La Cross, Lost Lake Pathway, 11:00 a.m. (carpool @ 10:00 Oleson's)  |
| 16 | Sun   | <b>"The Attribute of the Strong," Karen McCarthy; Judith Weaver, violin, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>                      | 6      | Sun   | <b>"New Beginnings: From Independence to Transcendence," Eric Carlson, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>  |
| 17 | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   | 7      | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   |
| 19 | Wed   | Membership Committee, John Hoffman, Social Hall, Noon-2:00 p.m.  | 13     | Sun   | <b>"Home" (...and a "Homecoming" Sunday),"Karen McCarthy and Rev. Kevin Tarsa, with member of the UUCGT Vocal Ensemble, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b> |
| 19 | Wed   | Wednesday Night Potluck at the home of Ann Dressel, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.   | 14     | Mon   | Men's Group, South City Limits, 6:00 p.m.  |
| 22 | Sat   | Crones & Scones, S. Gustafson, Flap Jack Shack, 9:30 a.m.  | 14     | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   |
| 22 | Sat   | Hike with Greg La Cross Lake Michigan, 11:00 a.m. (carpool @ 10:00 Tom's West Bay)   | 17     | Thurs | Crones & Scones, S. Gustafson, Beach Bums Ladies' night. Meet at Solveig's at 5 PM to carpool.   |
|    |       |  | 19     | Sat   | Hike with Greg La Cross, Boardman River Valley, 11:00 a.m.   |
|    |       |  | 20     | Sun   | <b>To be announced, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>   |
|    |       |  | 21     | Mon   | SOS, Jeff Sanborn, office, 7-8:30 p.m.   |