

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to UU Principle 6 The goal of world community with peace, liberty, & justice for all.

Chalice Lighting #434 May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity. May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected, in mystery and miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song #119 *Once to Every Soul and Nation*

Responsive Reading #597 *Love Versus Hate*

Never does hatred cease by hating in return; *Only through love can hatred come to an end.*

Victory breeds hatred; *The conquered dwell in sorrow and resentment.*

They who give up all thoughts of victory or defeat, *May be calm and live happily at peace.*

Let us overcome violence by gentleness; *Let us overcome evil by good.*

Let us overcome the miserly by liberality; *Let us overcome the liar by truth.*

...Dhammapada

Joys and Sorrows You may light a votive candle as you share any personal joys or concerns.

Silence / Response

...Ellen Rockne

Your joy is my joy, your sor - row my sor-row. To -
geth - er we live our days. To - geth - er we love this place. In be -
lov - ed com - mu - ni - ty, we are not a - lone.

Offering / Offertory #128 For all that is our life, we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift that we are called to use to build the common good, and make our own days glad. ...Findlow / Rickey

Strict Scrutiny: Guns and Iowa

Video and Q&A with Julie Fischer & Joann Hagen

Closing Song #347 *Gather the Spirit*

Extinguishing the Chalice Our time together is finished but our work is not done. May our spirits be renewed and our resolve strengthened as we meet the challenges of the week to come. This chalice flame is extinguished until we ignite it again with the spark of our communion. ...Martha Kirby Capo



Announcements

Thank you to our speakers today: Joann Hagen is a retired registered nurse practitioner, a former Peace Corps Volunteer to Malaysia, a member of the Decorah Friends Meeting, and a devoted volunteer and supporter of many community organizations. She has been on the Board of Iowans for Gun Safety for several years. **Julie Fischer** is a retired RN with experience in public health, mental health, and care of the elderly. She has been a volunteer with the Peace and Justice Center, Walking School Bus, and Wellington Place activities. She is a current member of Iowans for Gun Safety. ❖ Thank you also to **Ellen Macdonald**, our service leader; and to **Karen Esterl**, service planning & support.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for July-August is **Kids Lunch Club**. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope, or place in the labeled envelope in the plate.

UU Pizza Circle - Friday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. Save the date for our first UU Pizza Circle at Luna Valley Farm. Let's gather to talk, laugh, eat delicious pizza, and enjoy the beauty of Luna Valley Farm! Details on the cost, how to get signed up, directions and rain plans will be coming via email soon. Meanwhile, let Julie Ohde know if you have questions. Call/text 563-299-1854 or email littleredkayak@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, August 14 - Hymn Sing at Phelps Park Shelter #1. During the pandemic, we've had limited opportunities to join our voices in song, instead having to sing along with a recording on Zoom. Let's take advantage of the open air during our outdoor service to do something we haven't done for years: a hymn sing! Come ready to pick your favorite songs from the Unitarian Universalist hymnbooks, *Singing the Living Tradition* (grey) and *Singing the Journey* (teal). Carl Peterson, service leader.

Decorah UU Benefit Auction - As you are cleaning closets and garages, set aside your special treasures for the UU holiday auction.

Decorah UU Board of Trustees - Board members for 2022-2023 are Julie Ohde (Chair), Maggie Hayden (Treasurer), Lyra McKnight, Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Shawn Dettmann. The next meeting of the Board is **Friday, August 12** at 1:00 p.m.

Decorah UU Greeters - As we inch back into normalcy for our in-person gatherings, we would like to have a greeter at each service. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please complete the **Greeter Sign-Up form** (link found in the weekly newsletter). If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wahlberg or Julie Ohde.

Member Emergency Fund - Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you or someone you know in the fellowship could use some help, please let Otter know. We may be able to provide support or short term monetary assistance. Confidentiality will be respected.

Growing relationships between Decorah and Meskwaki Folks: the Meskwaki Nation opens Language Preservation to Decorah friends - The Meskwaki Language Primer was first printed in the 1980's. Due to the thriving language program, it is time for a reprinting of the Language Primer book. Those interested in building relations with the Meskwaki Nation can contribute to this project with cash contributions to Meskwaki Language Preservation. "This book is a treasure on so many levels and I think our Meskwaki Language learners will enjoy it," language learner, Shelley Buffalo. Read more and donate through links in our Decorah UU newsletter.

Immigration Working Group - The Guatemalan Basics initiative delivers 50 pound bags of rice and 25 pounds of beans and corn flour tortilla mix to our immigrant families in need. The funding for this program is currently running low. You can help to keep this vital effort going by giving online with credit/debit card through Decorah UCC's website, selecting "Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Guatemalan Basics Fund" from the dropdown menu of funds. To send a check, write it payable to Decorah UCC with "Guatemalan Basics" in the memo line, and send it to Decorah UCC, PO Box 470, Decorah, IA 52101.