

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's service relates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> UU source** Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

**Chalice Lighting #502** *Now is the accepted time*

...W.E.B. Du Bois

## Land Acknowledgement

**Opening Song #157** *Step by Step the Longest March* (2x)

**Joys and Sorrows** You may light a votive candle as you share any joys or concerns with the Fellowship.

## Silent Meditation / Response

...Ellen Rockne

Your joy is my joy, your sor - row my sor-row. To -  
5  
geth - er we live our days. To - geth - er we love this place. In be -  
9  
lov - ed com - mu - ni - ty, we are not a - lone.

**Reading #567** *To Be of Use*

...Marge Piercy

**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

## **The Catholic Worker: A Movement for Our Time**

Eileen Hanson

**Closing Song #126** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Extinguishing the Chalice #560** *Commitment*

...Dorothy Day



## Announcements

**Thank you to our speaker today: Eileen Hanson** (they | she) first encountered the Catholic Worker movement in New York City, lived in intentional community at the Winona Catholic Worker from 2001-2011, and remains involved there today. The Catholic Worker has been formative in their approach to theology, peace-making, and social justice. Eileen also worked in international human rights with Community Peacemaker Teams in Palestine, in the rural Masafer Yatta area of the occupied West Bank. Eileen is currently completing a Master of Divinity at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and works part-time as a chaplain. In the summer, they enjoy spending time kayaking on the backwaters of the Mississippi River and gardening for the various bumblebees and hummingbirds that frequent the yard. ❖ Thanks also to **Nancy Barry**, our service leader.

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for September-October is *Meskwaki Language Preservation*. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope, or place in the labeled envelope in the offering plate. Loose cash goes to Decorah UU.

### Upcoming Sundays

**September 11** - *Understanding the role of ICWA, the Indigenous Child Welfare Act, why it's under attack right now, and what it means*, with Carolyn Corbin.

**September 18** - Our annual *Ingathering Service* at Twin Springs is September 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll bring some water to pour into our common bowl, water which represents somewhere you've travelled this summer, or from your own garden or kitchen sink. We hope to hear some of your summer stories.

**Strategies of Hope and Resistance** - Angela Y. Davis presents ways to imagine a culture where we support each other in radically caring ways. Join us in conversation facilitated by Dr. Holly Moore on the 4th Wednesdays in September & October. "You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time." ...**Angela Y. Davis**.

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

**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. See *This Week at Decorah UU* for more info.

**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 September 12, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Maggie Hayden.

**Decorah UU Greeters** - We would like to have a greeter at each service, and new sign-up dates are available. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please complete the **Greeter Sign-Up form**. Greeter duties are detailed in **Decorah UU Greeters**. (There are links for both documents in *This Week at Decorah UU*.) If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wahlberg or Julie Ohde.

**Decorah Community Food Pantry** - This past summer the Decorah Community Food Pantry has been serving more of our neighbors who have food insecurity. Fortunately, local growers and individuals have provided an abundance of produce. However, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, which usually provides us with low cost food and paper products, has been without many items. You can help by donating paper products, laundry detergent or pasta. Items can be dropped off at 110 Railroad St. every day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help us expand our hours. For more information on volunteering or for a financial donation, check our website **decorahpantry.org**.

**Decorah UU Service Archive** - Did you miss a service we conducted by Zoom? Or did you attend but would like to watch it again? You can! Go to Decorah UU. There are two links to our new YouTube channel: a small YouTube icon in the upper right and a button in the middle that says "Watch past services on YouTube." Once on the YouTube channel page, you can choose the service you want to watch. We will try to post the link within one week of each service. Tip: If you want to see the bulletin or other information about the service, you can click on the SERVICE ARCHIVE button on the homepage. From there you can click on a service and then the "read more" link.

**Decorah UU online** - For more information, please visit our website Decorah UU or our facebook page.

**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.

**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 web-based giving page and 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.

