

The Fellowship Focus

monthly newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart

July 2023



Hi Friends,

As I transition back into the editor role, you are receiving a couple of pared down Focus editions. This month I am learning a new design platform. Next month I will need to finish by July 28 due to travel plans. I plan to continue the established routine of including submissions made to my email by the 25th in an edition released by the 1st.

Thank you for your help in creating and sharing content to keep our members and friends informed of and inspired by the actions of our blessed community.

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Sundays at UUFE

July 2nd: 10 am, Independence Day theme with Dwight Fish and Potluck Picnic.

Dwight Fish, a member of our Board and Fellowship, will speak on Sunday, July 2nd. The theme will be Independence Day related. It will include a Potluck picnic as we did in 2022. The Worship & Arts Committee will provide sandwiches, and members and friends are invited to bring sides and desserts for this special meal. There will be no meditation this Sunday.

July 9th: 10 am, Rev. Izzy Harbin.

The Rev. Izzy Harbin returns to our pulpit, with a service yet to be titled. Rev. Izzy is a recurring speaker at our Fellowship, and we will not be disappointed. Following the service, coffee, tea, and refreshments will be in the Gathering Place, and our Meditation program will be held at 11:45.

July 16th: 10 am, Rev. Mariah Martin.

For our 3rd Sunday service (and potluck Sunday!) Rev. Mariah Martin returns to our pulpit to speak. Her service title will be forthcoming. Following the service, we will have potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. If you forget, however, please stay anyway for lunch – we always have plenty. There will be no meditation this Sunday.

July 23rd: 10 am, Advocating for People With Disabilities, Cary Kelsey.

Cary Kelsey is a former Vice President and current board member of ADEC, serving for many years in positions advocating and supporting people with disabilities. We very much look forward to his words.

Following the service, coffee, tea, and refreshments will be in the Gathering Place, and our Meditation program will be held at 11:45.

July 30th, 10 am, Anna Hagen, Harpist, Writer, Storyteller

Anna Hagen is a professional musician, writer, and storyteller from Goshen, and she will lead a very musical service.

Following the service, coffee, tea, and refreshments will be in the Gathering Place, and our Meditation program will be held at 11:45.

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16 10am Service Potluck	17	18 7pm zoom Worship & Arts	19	20	21 Liz Rinehart Laurie Tweddale	22 Board Retreat
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Finance Committee

from Ken Clayborn

1. Work continues on the improvements to the Learning Center. We have funds to complete the finishing touches for this project. This month several items were completed including trimming around the outside of the building, power washing the foundation to prepare for painting the foundation. Painting was also done on the walls inside the building and electrical and plumbing work was completed. Linda Becker is the coordinator for this project.

2. June 30th is the last day of the fiscal year and July 1st is the beginning of the new budget year. The new budget was approved at the May annual meeting. Pledge summaries will be sent out in early July covering the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. This will give everyone a chance to review their contributions for the last fiscal year.

3. We have officially paid off the mortgage loan to the Endowment fund after 10 years of monthly payments.

Meditation Group

from Ken Clayborn

The meditation group will not meet on July 2 due to the special Holiday Picnic. In addition, the group will not meet on July 16 so that everyone will be able to enjoy the monthly potluck. The group will meet on Sunday July 9, Sunday July 23 and Sunday July 30 at 11:45 am in the Children's RE room. We generally share thoughts on our meditation practices and then join in a group Guided Meditation. The sessions usually last about an hour. There is no charge for this program, and all are welcome.

The Society of Radical Readers book club

from Laura Snow

The Society of Radical Readers will be taking a vacation in July! We will not be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month since it's July 4th. Instead, we suggest that everyone take a moment in their Independence Day celebrations to read the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps even read the Constitution as a follow-up! SRR will meet again on August 1 where discussion will cover [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#). The book is available through Beacon Press. Get your copy today!

Science And Society

from Ken Clayborn

In July we will begin a discussion on Climate Change.

On Tuesday July 11 at 2 PM in the Gathering Place we will view the Documentary: Climate Emergency 2021. (58 minutes)

Narrated by Richard Gere, Climate Emergency: Feedback Loops is a series of five short films, featuring twelve leading climate scientists, that explores how human-caused emissions are triggering nature's own warming loops.

While scientists stay up worrying about this most dangerous aspect of climate change, the public has little awareness or understanding of feedback loops. Climate change discussion at all levels of society largely leaves out this most critical dynamic of climate change itself.

On Tuesday July 25 at 2 PM in the Gathering Place we will view the documentary called Anthropocene-The Human Epoch (87 minutes)

The film follows the research of an international body of scientists, the Anthropocene Working Group who, after nearly 10 years of research, are arguing that the Holocene Epoch gave way to the Anthropocene Epoch in the mid-twentieth century, because of profound and lasting human changes to the Earth. The filmmakers have traversed the globe using high end production values and state of the art camera techniques to document evidence and experience of human planetary domination.

Time to Update the UUFE Community book! (in foyer)

Each UUFE member and frequent friend will be contacted by Mary Adams to provide information for inclusion in our book. Please start going through photos of yourself that might be used for this purpose.

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