

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns

Got joys or sorrows? Share them with us at www.northwoodsuu/support.

Call for Art - Northwoods UU Art Gallery

Join us for an Art Reception and Smalls sale on October 14. To show/pick up art, come by the gallery on Friday, October 6 (10am – 12pm), Sunday, October 8, (10 – 11:30am) or Monday, October 9 (10 – 11am). For information, contact Mary Anne (northwoodsuuartgallery@gmail.com).

Save the Date! Millbend Coffeehouse Concerts presents Jennings & Keller on October 14th. The show starts at 7:00pm.

Don't forget to order your creole food for Oct. 1 from Chef Seddy's food truck.



Service Auction Information Session

Adult RE on October 1 will cover everything you need to know about signing up, bidding, and donating to the Service Auction. Next Sunday, grab something from the food truck and head to the Garden Room at noon. Bring your phone or tablet for hands-on help.

Visit the Bloom website page for more information: <https://www.northwoodsuu.org/serviceauction/>



Demographic Survey - Complete for a Chance to Win

Use your phone camera on this QR code to fill out the *We Count What Matters Pathways DRUUMM Census* survey. This survey helps us understand the makeup of our congregation, and when we understand our congregation better we will serve it better. One lucky entry will win a \$100 Visa gift card donated by Rev. Sarah. Any questions please contact David Shontz (david.e.shontz@gmail.com).



*COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY,
SPIRITED SEARCHING,
COURAGEOUS ACTIONS.*

September 24, 2023

A WORLD THAT MAKES IT UP AS IT GOES ALONG

Life tinkers; life is playful and creative; life is exploratory and messy. Why do we expect human systems to be any different?

By Rev. Sarah Prickett

With music by Molli McMills, Willie B, and Friends

The Friends: Craig Boeker, Trevor Stout,

Frank Imburgio, Rusty Rhoad

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ALSO THIS SUNDAY

Chili Cook-Off After Service

The Service Auction season is kicking off with our annual CHILI COOKOFF. Bring your appetite - our chili chefs will provide the chili. This year there will be the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and the all-new MEMBER FAVORITE category, all with prizes!

Drop a donation off for the Share the Fun Fund. This is what Northwoods uses to provide Service Auction tickets to those who would otherwise miss out on parties, which are the Secret Sauce of Northwoods close knit beloved community! (You can also text a donation with "SA" to 832-637-6562).

Living our 8th Principle

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

INVITATION TO BREATHE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Fit*, Molli McMills & Willie B

* LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We light the chalice,
the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith,
as a beacon of hope for all who seek
justice, dignity, and compassion,
and in celebration of the life of truth
and meaning that we share together.

*HYMN *Open the Window*, Hymn 1022

* AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church and service its gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CENTERING *Spirit of Life*, Hymn 123

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand
Giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

THE MUSHROOM HUNTERS Neil Gaiman

READINGS

OFFERING

To donate by text, text your donation amount to 832-637-6562.

ANTHEM *Life in Every Breath*, Molli McMills & Willie B

HOMILY

* HYMN *Hallelujah*, Leonard Cohen

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame,
but not the light of truth, the warmth of community,
or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Stuck in the Middle*, Steelers Wheel

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Children will be released to classes after the Time for all Ages.
Classes are as follows:

- ◆ Chalice Children (2-3 yr olds) I Can Bend and Stretch.
- ◆ Spirit Play (PK-1st Grade) Walking Toward Peace.
- ◆ Explorers (2nd-4th grades) Awesome Love.
- ◆ Coming of Age (5th-7th Grades) Peace Pole Project.
- ◆ Youth (8th-12th grades) The Faith I Belong To.

Upcoming Dates:

October 1 - Children's Choir Performs during service; Food Truck available after service.

October 21 - The Woodlands Pride Festival

October 22 - Our Gay Pride Picnic at Tamarac Park

Options for Younger Children

Children age 2-3 years of age can be dropped off in our childcare room for Chalice Children activities, or families can watch the service from the Family Room. Families are also welcome to keep young children at the front of the sanctuary in the Wee Worship play area.