



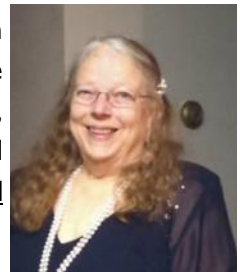
# Michael Servetus Unitarian Society

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## President's Letter by Laurie Young

Have a great summer everyone! The church year is winding down and we are about to begin our summer schedule. Perhaps this frees up some time for all of us to spend more time outdoors. Many of us have plans for summer activities such as camping, hiking, bicycling, swimming, boating, gardening and/or observing nature at cabins, on vacations or on weekend getaways. All are opportunities to experience the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits of outdoor recreation.



Outdoor recreation provides spiritual benefits? Both scientific research and anecdotal evidence show that it does. I was a park and trail planner for 38 years and during my planning processes drafted a vision statement for every park and trail I worked on. For years I included the phrase that people's use of the park or trail would "enhance their physical and mental health". No question about that. Towards the end of my career, I added the word "spiritual" to the list. It felt risky to me. I thought people would object to that and ask it to be taken out of the vision statement. The vision statement was posted along with other recommendations during multiple public reviews of the plans. I always expected people to say "take out that word spiritual, this is a public facility and that word doesn't belong here." But no one ever did. The statement resonated with people.

In addition, scientific research has shown that outdoor recreation provides spiritual benefits, specifically as it relates to fostering connectedness with self and others. This helps us live up to our seventh principle, "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

Outdoor recreation is a way to use our first source in our spiritual and humanist journeys, "direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life." Here are some examples of the direct experiences at the cabin that renewed my spirit and called my attention to the forces which create and uphold life. They include seeing the iridescent red and green feathers of a hummingbird at the feeder, a bluebird splashing in the bird bath, a bald eagle soaring over the lake, a pileated woodpecker eating suet, a turtle laying eggs, a mother and two fawns in the field, and 27 newly planted flowers in the garden.

I look forward to hearing about your experiences. I hope people invest some time this summer to reap the spiritual benefits of the outdoors.

# Minister's Message

by Rev. Laura Smidzik

## Clearing, by Martha Postlethwaite

Do not try to save  
the whole world  
or do anything grandiose.  
Instead, create  
a clearing  
in the dense forest  
of your life  
and wait there  
patiently,  
until the song

that is your life  
falls into your own cupped  
hands  
and you recognize and greet  
it.  
Only then will you know  
how to give yourself  
to this world  
so worth of rescue.

My friend, Martha, read this poem at my ordination. I had her words printed on a beautiful business card with an image of a fern background. This poem feels like a gentle gift of wisdom, it is one that I've shared with a few of you over the past month.

I recall giving the printed poem to a member at White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church. A few weeks later I asked her to serve in some volunteer capacity. She said, "no," citing her daily reflection on this poem as the reason why. I rejoiced in her clarity, recognizing that this did not mean "no" to every request that may come her way from the church. But clearly what I was asking her to do was not connected to the song of her life.

I've waited patiently in the dense forest of my own life. Wondering what is next, where to put my dreams and passion, what part of the large and complex world should I give myself to. After several careers I decided to move into the ministry. The years of seminary courses, clinical pastoral education, and a year-long ministerial internship provided time for discernment coupled with ministerial experience, theological reflection, spiritual practice, and clarity. I always imagined myself at a large church serving as part of a multi-staff ministry team. It is still a mystery and delight to feel called here, to be with you.

It is hard to believe that the end of the formal church year is here. I joined you last August and spent the year in observation mode and in the spirit of service. I have to thank all of you for welcoming me, bringing me into the congregation, and sharing stories your lives. I have been stretched, grateful, humbled, challenged, awestruck, and joyful—there is so much joy here!

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I am looking forward to an opportunity to step away for a bit during the summer months. My contract includes time for study leave and vacation. I plan to do some focused reading on a variety of topics, create the Worship Associate Program, and plan adult religious education for the early part of next year. I'll also do a bit of travel including attending an old family friend's Navy Seal graduation, UUA General Assembly in New Orleans, a service auction weekend in the woods, and a family reunion in PA. I need to have surgery which will require that I devote myself to rest a solid month and take it slow for an additional two weeks. Unfortunately, the steps to arranging the surgery have been a bit of a scheduling challenge so I do not yet have a date. This may impact when I return in August. Needless to say living in such ambiguity is a challenge, but I have enough to do at church each day to keep me distracted and have come to accept that it really is out of my hands.

The MidAmerica grant money for a summer minister could not have come at a better time. An introduction of Lisa Myers can be found later in this newsletter. I'll be supervising her during the summer and have no doubt that even though she is hired for just 15 hours a week she will carry the Sunday services, limited pastoral care, and adult religious education in a beautiful way. I'll be present at the June 4 meeting regarding the potential purchase of a new building and am working on the 50th Anniversary Party with the talented Ruth MacKenzie. It will be a fun and inspirational day!

Forever grateful,  
Reverend Laura



**Food That’s In...When School is Out!**  
**FREE LUNCH**



**Friends, Fun and Food!**

The Fridley Public School District is participating in the **Summer Food Service Program**. Hot meals are available to all kids age 18 and younger at no cost. To eat, just show up. Meals will be provided at the following sites and times:

**Fridley High School Cafeteria, 6000 West Moore Lake Drive, Fridley 55432**  
Meals Served 11:30 – 12:15 Monday - Thursday  
June 13 - July 20, 2017



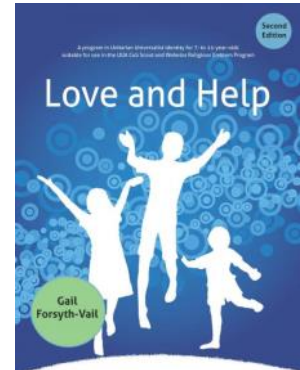
**Hayes Elementary Cafeteria, 615 NE Mississippi Street, Fridley 55432**  
Meals Served 11:45 – 12:15 Monday – Thursday  
June 13 - July 20, 2017

**No Meals Served July 3-6**

## DRE Dispatch by Anna Paquette

Summer is finally upon us and I'm looking forward to some warm, relaxing days spent outside. To keep with that more casual feeling, our summer religious education classes will also be a little simpler. As previously mentioned, we'll be working our way through the "Love & Help" workbook, published by the UUA, in order to earn a completion certificate and enameled pin. Currently, the lessons are divided up into the following sessions:

- June 4th: About Me, I Like, What Shapes Me, and New Things to Do
- June 11th: My Family, Special Family Days, Helping Family, and Family Promises & Rules
- June 18th: Belonging, About My Friends, My UU Congregation, Friends in My Congregation, and My Gifts to the Congregation
- July 2nd: Principle #1
- July 9th: Principle #2
- July 16th: Principle #3
- July 23rd: Principle #4
- July 30th: Principle #5
- August 6th: Principle #6
- August 13th: Principle #7
- August 20th: The Sources of Our Faith, What Happens at My Congregation, and My Congregation's Leaders (with guest speakers!)
- August 27th: The Flaming Chalice, UU Things I Know by Heart, The UUA, and Love & Help
- Sept. 3rd: Celebration and presentation of completion certificates & pins



A more detailed description on the creation and goals of this workbook can be found here: <http://www.uua.org/re/blog/childs-uu-identity-love-and-help>. I would also invite you to contact me with any comments or questions you may have in person or at [dre@msuu.org](mailto:dre@msuu.org).

Since there will not be a story for all ages during the summer services, I would invite parents to bring their children directly to the RE classroom just before the service begins at 10 AM. At this time, I plan to be in the classroom most of the Sundays this summer. That will leave us with a need for one adult volunteer per week to assist and be sure we're in compliance with our child safety policy. A paper sign-up sheet is available in the social hall, or you can sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/MSUS-Summer-RE>

I successfully completed training to facilitate the 7-9/10-12 levels of Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes in May, so we are set to offer this programming for both elementary and high school levels this coming church year. I will be contacting all families with children and youth who are eligible to participate to organize a time for orientations.

Another exciting opportunity coming this summer will be the ability for children, youth, and volunteers to register online for fall RE opportunities, so watch for more details on that coming soon.

## 2017—18 Pledge Drive Update

from Katie and Byron Johnson

The annual pledge drive is an opportunity to celebrate the generosity of this community and our commitment to sustaining MSUS into the future.

As we examined income and expenses for the 2017-18 budget, it became clear that our pledging has not kept up with our decision to add full time ministry and additional staff hours to better support the needs of our community. We are drawing on reserves to a greater extent than in the past and we now need to increase our pledge income to cover more of our annual operating expenses. We have succeeded in that - pledges increased by 7.4% over last year. THANK YOU!

But, we had hoped to increase the total amount pledged by 10% over last year and we are about \$3000 shy of that goal. If you have not yet pledged your financial support to MSUS, know that every pledge gift is appreciated and your pledge today will help strengthen our financial position for the coming year.

A few numbers:

Last year's total pledges: \$121,540

This year's total pledges as of May 18: \$130,568

Pledge Drive goal +10% from last year: \$133,700

[Pledge Online Now](#)

thank  
you!



### Third Thursdays: A daytime group for 60+

Third Thursday Gatherings will  
resume on September 21, 2017!



## Balloting Set to Begin June 4: Ballot Count June 28



A Special Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for June 4, 2017, at noon, in the MSUS social hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possible move towards a purchase of the former Salvation Army church located at 10347 Ibis Street Northwest, in Coon Rapids, to establish a quorum, and open the ballot process. We expect that members will be able to start voting soon after the June 4 meeting has concluded. There will be time for discussion, presentation of additional information, and questions and answers. We also expect to be finalizing the ballot and electing ballot tellers. Any member not voting on June 4 will be mailed a ballot and instructions for voting.



The votes will be counted by the ballot tellers in an open process on Wednesday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m, in the social hall. Everyone is invited to watch democracy in action, and be together in community for the outcome of this pivotal decision.

As proposed, voting “no” stops the process. A “yes” vote allows the Board and its negotiating team to enter into negotiations for the possible purchase of the Ibis Street church and sale of 6565 Oakley Drive. The proposed ballot gives the power to the Board, and not the congregation, to approve the final contract, as a requirement to have the congregation do so greatly limits the flexibility and responsiveness that is often critical in such a fluid process. However, should we be going forward, the Board is planning to formally and informally request feedback as things move along. If we succeed in reaching a deal, we envision another session with the congregation to discuss funding options.

While this is a tremendously exciting opportunity, and by far the best option we have come across in twelve years of searching, no one is advocating throwing caution to the winds. We have to be able to afford it both in the short and long term, and should do everything we can to make sure we are not saddled with significant problems that would be too costly to fix. For example, mold is a concern, and could be a “show stopper,” if it cannot be cost effectively remediated. The Land & Facilities Committee has researched what to do to get this figured out.

Please contact Michele Wallace if you have any questions, or would like additional information, or have comments, at [mrewallace@mwalaw.us](mailto:mrewallace@mwalaw.us).

See you on June 4 and June 28!





# POPCORN THEOLOGY

Starting in July 2017, join us for dinner and a movie, with some lively discussion and games thrown in!

The Popcorn Theology curriculum assists groups in discussing issues of theology and ethics for Unitarian Universalists found in popular films. Each month, typically on the fourth Friday, we will screen a movie while having a potluck meal together. Afterward, we'll have discussion and/or various activities to help us take a deeper look at the messages in the film.

Potluck Dinner - Starts at 5:30 PM

Film - Starts at 6:30 PM\*

Discussion/Activities - Following the film

Please note, for families with very young/younger children who would have trouble sitting through the film/activities, or for whom parents deem the film inappropriate, childcare will be provided **UPON REQUEST** at least one week in advance of the event date. These are designed to be multi-generational events, and films have been selected to suit the widest audience possible.

\*Longer films may need to start as earlier to allow for completion of the film and discussion/activities

Our tentative schedule for the 2017-18 church year is as follows:

- July 28th - Willow (1988)
- August 25th - Evan Almighty (2007)
- September 22nd - Back to the Future (1985)
- October 27th - Jurassic Park (1993)
- November 24th - Contact (1997)
- December 29th - Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring\* (2001)
- January 26th - Oh, God! (1977)
- February 23rd - Star Trek: Generations (1994)
- March 23rd - Hoosiers (1986)
- April 27th - Spiderman (2002)
- May 25th - Life of Pi (2012)



## 50th Anniversary Party!!!

June 11, 2017 - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**IT'S A PARTY – you and your entire family are invited!**



Join us on June 11 for a luncheon celebration of the MSUS 50th Anniversary. The fully catered luncheon will be held at the Banquets of Minnesota hall, 6310 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, is just 3-4 blocks south of the church.

Please RSVP for you and your family no later than midnight on June 3, 2017 by emailing [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org) to let us know the numbers attending in each of these categories.

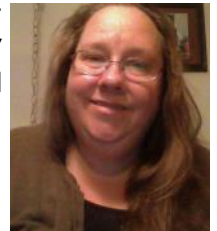
- Adults over 18
- Persons aged 10-18
- Child under 10

The program will include songs performed and led for all to join in by Rev. Ruth Mackenzie. Ruth performed concerts throughout the US and the Nordic countries. As Minister of Worship and Coming of Age at First Universalist, her goal is to craft opportunities for congregants of all ages.

There will also be food, exhibits, door prizes and fun! SEE YOU THERE!!!

## Announcing Our Summer Minister

Good news! We have hired a summer minister (thanks to the MidAmerica Chalice Lighter grant). Lisa Myers will join us for two months this summer while Rev. Laura is taking vacation and study leave time. She will lead worship, hold adult religious education classes, and be there if you need pastoral care.



Contact information for Lisa: 952-540-7812 (cell) - [lm Myers@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:lm Myers@unitedseminary.edu)

Here is a note from Lisa:

*I just finished my second year at United Theological Seminary where I am pursuing a Master of Divinity with a concentration on Theology and the Arts, with a further focus on Spiritual Growth and Formation. I'm passionate about finding where the intersection between the arts and our spirituality meets and how it can lead to spiritual growth.*

*About six years ago, I found my spiritual community within Unitarian Universalism by becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka in 2011. Serving on the Worship Arts Ministry led to a call to seminary. My religious and spiritual path has led me down many roads, but it is Religious Naturalism and Earth-based faiths that feed me spiritually. The UU Church has been an excellent home for developing my own spiritual formation. I look forward with excitement about serving the Michael Servetus community this summer and getting to know you all!*



## MSUS Women's Book Group

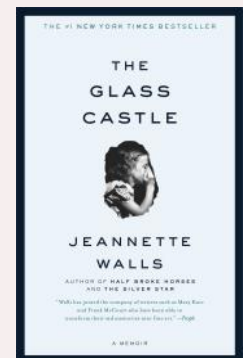
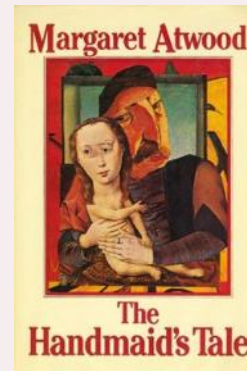
The MSUS Women's Book Group is a gathering of female MSUS members and friends who meet the first Saturday of each month to discuss women-authored books. The group alternates between fiction and non fiction works recommended by one or more of the members. Contact **Lois Burnett** (burnahan@gmail.com) to be added to the email list. Meetings are 9:00 AM in the Club Room at 20 Windsor Lane, New Brighton, MN

### JUNE MEETING: June 3, 2017

- Fiction - *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood
- Treats will be provided by: Melissa Winn and Kathy Forbes

### July MEETING: July 1, 2017

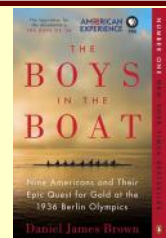
- Non Fiction - *The Glass Candle*, by Jeannette Walls
- Treats will be provided by: Marie Phillips



## Sunday Night Book Club

**June 11, 2017 - Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown

Meeting at about 7:15 p.m. at Laurie Young's home,  
275 Demar Avenue, Shoreview, MN 55126



"If Jesse Owens is rightfully the most famous American athlete of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, repudiating Adolf Hitler's notion of white supremacy by winning gold in four events, the gold-medal-winning effort by the eight-man rowing team from the University of Washington remains a remarkable story. It encompasses the convergence of transcendent British boat maker George Pocock; the quiet yet deadly effective UW men's varsity coach, Al Ulbrickson; and an unlikely gaggle of young rowers who would shine as freshmen, then grow up together, a rough-and-tumble bunch", writes Brown, "not very worldly, but earnest and used to hard work." Brown takes enough time to profile the principals in this story while using the 1936 games and Hitler's heavy financial and political investment in them to pull the narrative along. In doing so, he offers a vivid picture of the socioeconomic landscape of 1930s America (brutal), the relentlessly demanding effort required of an Olympic-level rower, the exquisite brainpower and materials that go into making a first-rate boat, and the wiles of a coach who somehow found a way to, first, beat archrival University of California, then conquer a national field of qualifiers, and finally, defeat the best rowing teams in the world.

The group will meet July 9th at Doug & Michele's home to discuss **Hillbilly Elegy** by J. D. Vance.

## 2017 Summer Information for MSUS

(Keep this handy!)

### **Sunday Services**

Services are at 10:00 am through Labor Day (Sept. 3). There will be light refreshments available after services. Please note- no service on June 25 which is Twin Cities Pride Parade and Festival.

### **Summer Religious Education (RE) and Childcare**

Childcare is available at all services this summer. We have a multi-aged curriculum for children who are attending. Children/youth will go immediately to RE instead of joining us in the service.

### **Twin Cities Pride, June 25, 2017**

Our summer minister is in communications with MN Unitarian Universalist Alliance (MUUSJA) who have coordinated the booth and parade contingent. Please watch the Order of Service, Facebook, and News from the Office for updates.

### **News from the Office**

We are going to switch to Mondays for the church email update. This way, we can carry announcements for the upcoming week, share what was in the Order of Service, and keep you in the loop. If you want to request that something be placed in the email please contact Beth no later than Sunday (the day before the email goes out).

### **Programming**

Lisa Myers will offer an adult (or multi-aged) program in June and July. Notice will be provided soon. We will host our first Popcorn and Theology on Friday, July 28. The movie is Willow. Potluck at 5:30, movie starts at 6:30, discussion and activities at 8:30 pm. Childcare is available by request. RSVP by July 21 at <http://tinyurl.com/PopcornChildcare>



## 2017 Summer Information for MSUS

(Keep this handy!)

### Newsletter

We will have a June newsletter and then pause until September. If you want something in the September newsletter it must be in by August 20.

### Staff and Building Coverage

The staff will be catching up a bit on vacation hours in June. Most will work remotely. Please note- the building will be locked during week and open on Sunday.

### Items for the Church

We know that summer time means garage sales, late spring cleaning, and sorting time. Although we know it comes from a place of kindness and care, please do not drop off items you think we need at the church. Please contact Beth at [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org) for general inquiries about materials you have and wonder if we need. Contact Anna at [dre@msuu.org](mailto:dre@msuu.org) if you are curious if Religious Education would want to something you'd like to donate. We do not have the space for items we do not need.

### Ministerial Coverage

Laura is planning her summer schedule around six weeks of recovery from surgery (date still to be determined). She may work part-time in June and return a little later in August than her original plan. Lisa Myers, a United Seminary Student, is the summer minister and the first point of contact. Her contact information is: Cell: 952-540-7812, Email: [lmyers@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:lmyers@unitedseminary.edu)

### We Return to Two Services on September 10

We will return to two services and celebrate the merging of the waters. Collect water from your summer wanderings to bring to the service in September.

## Father's Day Picnic!

Join us on Sunday, June 18, for the Annual Father's Day Picnic. Members of the MSUS Mom's Group will provide the food for a picnic style lunch.

Help with set-up and cleanup will be greatly appreciated.



## Social Action Committee

# An Amazing Year in Review

It's been a busy year for the MSUS Social Action Committee, which works to "serve the community beyond our walls" through community service, fundraising for social causes, and sharing UU values with other social action organizations in the northern suburbs. Here are some of the highlights from an extraordinary year.

### Special Collections

On the second Sunday of each month, MSUS dedicates the weekly collection to an organization chosen by the Social Action Committee. MSUS members and friends were especially generous this year, with donations of more than \$4,000 going to local families and organizations in need.

Month	Organization	Amount
September	Alexandra House	\$270
October	MUUSJA	\$273
November	Holiday meals for Fridley School families in need	\$800
Special	Standing Rock Water Protectors	\$613
December	Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$610
January	Meals on Wheels	\$468
February	MICAH (Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing)	\$446
March	SACA (Southern Anoka Community Assistance)	\$540
April	Springbrook Nature Center	\$669
May	UU Women's Federation	\$419

### Day of Service

The Social Action Day of Service on Saturday, March 11, 2017, was a resounding success! More than two dozen MSUS members and friends came together to:

- Make care packages for our homeless neighbors
- Construct bird nesting material tubes for local birds
- Prep books for distribution to local Little Free Libraries
- Construct furniture and clean the Hope4Youth drop-in center in Anoka
- Cooked a meal of meatloaf and baked potatoes at Alexandra House

Huge thanks to everyone who helped plan, provide supplies, and helped participate! You are all amazing!

## Social Action Committee continued

### Meals on Wheels

Every 9 weeks, MSUS members and friends deliver several routes for Meals-on-Wheels. We would like to include more people in this rewarding service. One person drives and a second person takes meals to the door. Meals are picked up before 11:30 at Unity Hospital, and take less than an hour to complete the deliveries. Please contact Merle DeNuccio for more information and to volunteer.

### Show Your MSUS Pride

Haven't gotten your new MSUS t-shirt yet? There are still some left. The new shirt features the UU chalice on the front, along with the church name and year we were formed. The back includes the new Vision statement and the URL for the church website. Find an order form on the bulletin board in the Social Hall and order yours today! Completed forms and checks should be placed in the Social Action mailbox.



### Take a Single Flame and Pass It On

After a little re-arranging to make more room, the Flaming Chalice poster to recognize our collective volunteer efforts is back in the social hall. Let's continue to add flames to illustrate the generous spirit that is embodied by everybody here at MSUS. Put your name and volunteer service information onto a flame and then mount it onto the poster. So far we have tallied more than 1,000 hours of service, and this does not yet include our Day of Service activities or other things you have done since March.

### Join Us!

All are welcome to join us as we plan social action programs and work to support the community beyond our wall. Email [socialaction@msuu.org](mailto:socialaction@msuu.org) for more information.

## SUMMER WORSHIP — ONE SERVICE AT 10:00

### June 4, 2017

Speaker: Lisa Myers

Service Leader: Leslie Vissage

Our minister for the summer, Lisa Myers, will be giving her first sermon today. As a Religious/spiritual Naturalist, Lisa will ponder on how we can truly live in the interdependent web as a part of nature, rather than apart from it. She will look at a couple of creation stories, a translation of Genesis and an Anishanaabe creation story and speak of how changing perspective can go leaps and bounds toward healing our Earth Mother.

### Jumping Fences

Special Music: Delphi Jazz

### June 11, 2017

Speakers: Lisa Myers

Service Leader: Kate Burek

Today's service will honor of all those young Black men and women, boys and girls, who have been victims of centuries of our white culture of supremacy. If we are truly living up to our UU Values and Principles, we must recognize that Black Lives, Hispanic Lives, GLBTQ Lives, Native Lives, all matter. A homily, surrounded by readings and poetry, will mark our yearnings, hopes, angst, and desire to make 'justice for all' a reality.

### A Hymn for the Sacred

Special Music: The Bluegrass Band

### June 18, 2017

Speaker: Lisa Myers

Service Leader: Connie Metcalf

### To Be Announced

Special Music: MSUS Band

### June 25, 2017

No services at MSUS - Join us at Twin Cities Pride in Loring Park

### July 2, 2017

Speaker: Chad Snyder

Service Leader: Amy Luedtke

MSUS member Chad Snyder says that sing-along songs can and will be our scripture for today's service. We can find, and make, community in unlikely places, with unlikely people, practically every day. Join us to sing in community.

### Singing In Community

Special Music: Marty Phillips—vocal / guitar

### August 6, 2017

Speaker: Brock Ray

Asking questions is literally built into our Vision for who we want to be as Unitarian Universalists. But asking good questions is not an intuitive skill. The 'question as given' is almost never the question that really needs to be answered, and, most of the time, will only lead you to preconceived solutions - ones that are especially unhelpful. How can we as UUs broaden our questioning skills to get deeper, more meaningful insights into our search for truth and meaning?

### Asking Better Questions

# June & July Calendar Events

The monthly calendar is located on the MSUS webpage. The calendar changes daily as committees, music and interest groups schedule meetings and the normal course of church business occurs.

To obtain the most up-to-date information on what is happening at the church, please click on this [MSUS church calendar](http://www.msuu.org/services-events-calendar) link or go to <http://www.msuu.org/services-events-calendar>.

## Music Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, Choir, 7:30 PM, Jun 7 & 14  
 Thursdays, String Band, 7:30 PM  
 Sundays, Band, 8:30 AM, Jun 4 & 18  
 Sundays, Delphi Jazz, 3:00 PM

Summer Rehearsals will be held offsite at Bruce Van Bronkhorst's home—Dates to be Announced

## Member Opportunities:

MSUS Congregational Meeting, Jun 4,  
 Noon, Potential New Building  
 Vote Counting, June 28, 7:00 PM  
 Potential New Building  
 Popcorn Theology, July 28, 2017

## Regular Meetings:

Ad-hoc Building Task Force,  
 Thurs, 5:45 PM  
 L&F Meeting, June 19, 7:30 PM  
 Board of Trustees, Jun 13,  
 6:00 PM Potluck, 7:00 PM meeting  
 Sunday Service Committee, July 6, 7:00PM

## Building Use

Yard Cleanup, Jun 3, 9:00 AM  
 CSA Pickup, Wednesdays, 3:30 PM  
 Member Rental, Sundays, Noon  
 Member Rental, June 10, All Day  
 Camp Unistar Pick-Up, Jun 17 & 24, 8 AM  
 Camp Unistar Drop-Off, Jun 24 & Jul 1,  
 2 PM  
 Member Rental, Jun 17, Noon

## Offsite MSUS Events:

Women's Book Group, Jun 3, 9:00 AM  
 50th Anniversary Luncheon, Jun 11,  
 11:30 AM  
 Sun. Night Book Group, Jun 11, 7:15 PM  
 Worship Committee, Jun 15, 7:30 PM  
 Committee on Ministry, Jun 18, 7:30 PM  
 Covenant Group, Jun 24 & July 22, 8:30 AM  
 Twin Cities Pride Festival, Jun 25, All Day,  
 Loring Park



# 50th Anniversary Luncheon

RSVP by emailing [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org)

Before midnight on June 3, 2017

**June 11, 2017 11:30 AM**

Michael Servetus Unitarian Society  
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Submissions for the Newsletter need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org). Deadline for September Newsletter is noon, August 20, 2017.

Announcements for Order of Service: need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org) no later than Thursday evening; if a late breaking event causes you to miss the deadline, hand your legibly written announcement to the Service Leader no later than 9:45 am.

MSUS is a vital and vibrant congregation where religious liberals of different religious, political and social beliefs can join in loving community to explore religious and ethical questions and serve the community beyond our walls.

**The mission of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society is to:**

Promote Unitarian Universalist traditions of liberty and respect, justice and compassion, and the use of reason; empower our members in their search for meaning by fostering intellectual and spiritual growth; support our members in living ethical lives based on integrity and service; celebrate together and minister to one another in good times and bad; and work, as individuals and as a congregation, to improve the larger community and our natural environment.

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## TWIN CITIES PRIDE 2017

The UU organization with the funny name is coordinating the UU presence in the **Twin Cities Pride Parade & Festival** again this year. MUUSJA (Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance—pronounced "moose-jaw") says, "Do you love a parade? Do you love to proclaim the affirmation and inclusion of Unitarian Universalism? Are you a proud member, ally or supporter of the LGBTQIA community? Then we need YOU!"

MUUSJA is currently seeking volunteers to help coordinate congregations, marshal our UU marchers, and design and staff a presence in the UU booth. Whether you're a masterful logistics coordinator, or you have bold ideas for fun costumes, great messages for signs, or anything else, MUUSJA welcomes your participation. Please email MUUSJA Intern Jack Gaede at [muusjaintern@gmail.com](mailto:muusjaintern@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating. Include your name, a description of what you would like to do in your volunteer role, and any relevant experience you have.