

St. Cloud UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Fellowship



Summer activities schedule for 2022

During the summer it is our tradition to offer informal opportunities for learning and growing together. The Program Committee thanks those who are hosting and organizing these events. Note varying days, times, and locations. More details regarding August events will be provided in upcoming messages. Weekly Sunday Services will resume on September 11.

Thursday June 23, 2022, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm JUUst Breathe Live: Climate Justice Live YouTube broadcast for UUA Youth Ministry. For all the details about each monthly JUUst Breathe show see the main link at <https://www.youtube.com/JuustBreatheLive>

Sunday June 26, 2022, at 10:30 am Kayak/canoe/Sail on Bass Lake, Annandale, MN. Come and spend time on the water in your non-motorized vessel. A potluck lunch will follow at 1:00 pm. If you intend to stay for the potluck, please bring a dish to share. For directions contact Wendy Schoen at: wenschoen@gmail.com

Saturday July 9, 2022, at 10:30 am Walking Meditation There will be a walking meditation at Munsinger Garden. Anyone who would like to come is welcome to join. We'll be meeting at the picnic tables. If you are facing the river, the picnic table area is a short walk to the left of where the gazebo is. The meditation includes time for Joys and Concerns, a couple of short readings, about 20 minutes of walking meditation, and a brief gathering afterward.

Sunday July 17, 2022, at 10:30 am Doctrine of Discovery The Social Justice Committee will present their annual Bagels and Ethics program. The Doctrine of Discovery is the topic. The Discovery doctrine was a papal bull used for centuries to establish political, spiritual and legal justification for colonization and seizure of lands not inhabited by Christians. In 1823, the Doctrine of Discovery became part of the U.S. federal law used to dispossess Native people of their land. It is still on the books and should be repudiated. This event will be held via Zoom.

Please visit www.uufstcloud.org for the links and information to join this Zoom meeting.

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To contribute to SCUUF:

- 1) send a check to SCUUF, PO Box 805, St. Cloud, MN 56302, or
- 2) Make a contribution by debit/credit card or PayPal by clicking on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Donate-SCUUF>

Sunday August 7, 2022, at 12:00 pm PBJ Picnic at Bend in the River Park, Benton County (this is the site of the old Graves Farm) Please join us for our annual PB&J get together with Julie K. Peters as our host. This is a simple delight with nature including people! Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Local artisan bread, peanut butter and jellies will be provided. You may also bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Saturday August 20, 2022, at 10:30 am Walking Meditation There will be a walking meditation at Munsinger Garden. Anyone who would like to come is welcome to join. We'll be meeting at the picnic tables. If you are facing the river, the picnic table area is a short walk to the left of where the gazebo is. The meditation includes time for Joys and Concerns, a couple of short readings, about 20 minutes of walking meditation, and a brief gathering afterward.

Tuesday August 23, 2022, from 7:00-8:00 pm JUust Breathe Live: Climate Justice Live YouTube broadcast for UUA Youth Ministry. For all the details about each monthly JUust Breathe show see the main link at <https://www.youtube.com/JuustBreatheLive>

Mid to late August, Date TBA – Fellowship Building and Grounds Clean-up Day The activity will be headed by Tom Hergert, the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Tom can be reached at tom.hergert@gmail.com

President's Corner

by Pam Peterson

I especially want to thank Lisa Bershok for serving as our previous President. She did an excellent job, especially with a pandemic. I also want to commend the previous Board as well as the Committee Chairs. I also appreciate the flexibility of the virtual congregation.

As we continue to go into uncharted territory, our Leadership Team (the Board and committee chairs, as well as others) will adjust to the changes as they come.

I would like to thank Linda and John Peck for their invitation to resuming our Annual Picnic. I certainly enjoyed visiting with many Fellowship Members. I look forward to summer events and opportunities to see many of you. It would be great if each of you could connect in the near future with someone you do not know well or haven't talked to very recently. This is a great way to make or re-establish connections.

I have recently gotten the book, **GROWING A BELOVED COMMUNITY** by Tom Owen-Towle, in which he presents 12 hallmarks of a healthy congregation. I plan to share these with you as our newsletters go out over this church year.

The first hallmark is entitled: Occupy Holy Ground. This refers to where "a healthy congregation broaches serious things in a serious place." (p. 2) Our Sunday services give us a chance to pause and reset for our upcoming week. Even though our theological differences are quite varied, we still are headed in the same direction and support each other as we journey in our search for meaning in our lives. "Holiness is most nearly approximated through experiencing the fullness of the Beloved Community in all its multifarious forms-from local congregation to the global whole." (p. 7)

Annual Treasurer's Report and Pledge Request

submitted by Ralph Carr

Despite the continued challenges of the ongoing pandemic our financial situation is sound. Many of you have contributed your time and treasure to sustain us during this year, and we are very grateful. During this second year of online services our pledge income has decreased somewhat, and our expenses have increased, but remain relatively low due to mostly online programming.

The chart below shows how the current 2021-2022 fiscal year compares to its predecessor in 2020-2021. The amounts shown are actual income received and expenses paid from **July 1 through April 30 of each year.**

	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	Change	Percent Change
Income	\$30,955	\$28,884	-\$2,071	-6.69%
Expenses	\$22,482	\$24,482	+\$2,001	+8.90%

Our checking account and certificates of deposit are at US Bank. In addition, we have an investment account at Vanguard. As we move forward into the next fellowship year, we are projecting a modest decline in our income and are expecting some increases in spending due to inflationary costs particularly with insurance premiums.

We are hopeful that we will be prepared to continue a measured reopening with a hybrid model for services during the next year. Accordingly, we ask that you make a pledge for the upcoming year that will sustain and revitalize us as we return to a semblance of normalcy. You can make a pledge by sending an e-mail to treasurer@uufstcloud.org with your pledge amount.

The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee has been formed for the times in each of our lives when we need help from another person. The members of the Caring Committee are available to help members and friends of the St. Cloud UU Fellowship in a variety of ways. Feel free to contact any member of the committee:

Linda Saupe (Chairperson), Marge Bates, Hanni Epp, Doug Polley, Chris Smith, Charlotte Stephens, and Ron Syme.

For anyone with emergency needs, a wide range of services is available from agencies and organizations in the community. These can be accessed by calling 211 (or 800-543-7709).

Calendar Reminders

AVOID ZOOM CONFLICTS: We encourage you to use the Zoom licenses for video conferencing, but please follow the standard reservation process to ensure the Zoom “meeting room” (license) is available at the time you would like to make use of it and to allow others to see planned meetings on the calendar.

Please check the online calendar on our website for scheduled in-person and Zoom meetings at www.uufstcloud.org/calendar. A meeting event/room reservation button to submit a form for reservation requests can be found below the calendar on the website. This same button can be used to schedule in-person and Zoom meetings. Please send an e-mail to calendar@uufstcloud.org if you have any questions.

Tom Hergert and Jim Hixson have agreed to be the contacts for the Zoom License and will provide a tutorial for anyone needing to learn how to host a Zoom Meeting. Their contact information can be found in the new UUF Directory.