

Services

10:30 Services
First and third
Sundays.



Schedule

October 2

*Clean Up Sunday &
Potluck*

October 16

10:30 am

Title TBA

*Guest Speaker: Rev.
Sarah Oelberg*



**Nora Unitarian
Universalist
Church**

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October 2022 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

News from the Board

A big thank-you to Lee Drogemuller for the donation of the smart TV and cart, in honor of his brother Wayne, who passed away earlier this year. It will be used during some services in the months ahead.

Your Nora Church board members, along with the program committee, made the decision to use the October 2nd service as a day of clean-up and painting. Potluck will still take place at 11:30—please join your Nora family for lunch even if you are unable to make it for the cleaning, etc. As always, with the clean-up days, feel free to come on other days if you're busy Sunday morning. A list will be found in Fellowship Hall with fall clean-up projects.

Many thanks to all of you that have been busy cleaning and repairing the church and parsonage. I will probably forget someone but I know with certainty that Darrell Hinsman, Warren Paulson, Lee Drogemuller and Julie Peck have spent many hours on the hill.

And from your new Nora president, I would like to thank Jeannie Hinsman for her years as president of Nora Church. I truly believe she is the GOAT (the greatest of all time) of Nora Church presidents! She is a tough act to follow, but I will do my best.

The board will meet again on Zoom on Tuesday, October 18th at 8:15pm. Please let your board members (Lee Drogemuller, Julie Peck, Vicki Sieve and Joy

Rathman) know of any concerns, ideas, etc. before then.

Joy Rathman

Church Service Schedule

Services at Nora will be the first and third Sundays of each month. We look forward to Laurie Bushbaum visiting us in November.

Coffee hour will continue after the service. The first Sunday of each month will be the traditional potluck Sunday. The third Sunday bring a sack lunch and stay for coffee and conversation, as your schedule allows.

News from the Program Committee

*October 2 Clean Up Sunday &
Potluck*

In lieu of a service on the first Sunday we will have a cleanup extravaganza. The north wall of the Kaffestua has been power washed, thanks to Dave Benson. We hope the weather cooperates for a finish to our exterior painting.

Other areas needing attention are cleaning out shrubs by the parsonage, windows and for those with more energy after potluck we'll do road cleanup.

If you aren't physically able to engage in all this fun, come to join in potluck at 11:30. Lee will do a demonstration of the new large screen TV and its amazing capacities!

October 16 Rev. Sarah Oelberg to Preach

Sarah and Jerry will be with us on the 16th. We welcome Sarah back to the Nora pulpit. Following service there will be plenty of time for extended fellowship.

Bring your own lunch, rekindle friendship, and linger in the social hall for all the camaraderie.

Looking ahead...

November 6 Rev. Laurie Bushbaum to Preach & Potluck

Rekindling relationship continues in November as we look forward to Laurie Bushbaum's return. Potluck will follow the service.

November 20 TBA

October Board Meeting

The next Nora Board meeting is on Tuesday October 18th at 8:15pm, on Zoom.

When the Frost is on the Punkin

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmosphere
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn

days

Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;

The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still

A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they grewed to fill;

The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;

The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover overhead!—

O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps

Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;

And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through

With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too! ...

I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be

As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—

I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

— JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Braver/Wiser: Choosing to Connect

By Priscilla Shumway

September 7, 2022

"When we acknowledge that all life is sacred and that each act is an act of choice and therefore sacred, then life is a sacred dance lived consciously each moment. When we live at this level, we participate in the creation of a better world."

—Scout Cloud Lee

A Note From the Treasurer

August Income and Expenses

Income: \$ 2,112.00
Expenses: \$ 929.93

Income and expenses presented at the last board meeting. Income does not include memorials and gifts.

Every Saturday morning, my husband and I rise early and head off to volunteer at our local food bank. The food bank is supported by people from twenty-eight different congregations, including our Unitarian Church. After we set up, volunteers gather as our Director reads a Bible passage and a prayer.

As a UU and atheist, these prayers initially caused me discomfort. As I stood listening, all I heard were the things that I did NOT agree with. But by focusing on the things I disagreed with I created a sense of separation, of judgment, between me and the others.

Over two years, as my relationship with the other volunteers and the mission of the outreach has deepened, there has been a change in

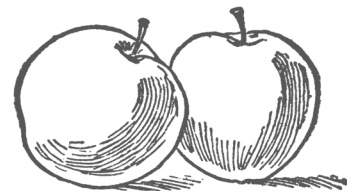
my relationship to these prayers. Now during the prayer, I hear the sentiments I agree with, rather than those I disagree with. I agree that we all give of our time, talent, and treasure to do this work; that the work we do is important in the lives of our clients; that we who volunteer feel called to do this work.

But who or what is calling us? This is where the prayers and I diverge. The prayers suggest we are called to do this work because God directs our life and calls us to it. But as an atheist, I feel called to do this work because of my belief that with every act and choice I make, I can create a better world. While I may have little control over the larger world, I can help create a better world in my own neighborhood, one client, one connection at a time.

Now as I pray with my friends, I feel a deep sense of connection to them and the sacredness of this work we all feel called to do. I realize it is my actions and choices that determine my connection to others. Now it no longer matters to me who or what is calling each of us, only that we show up in love and faith to do the work of creating a better world.

Affirmation

May we continue to become more mindful of that which connects us rather than that which separates us. May we always remember that the acts and choices we make are sacred as we work to create a better world.

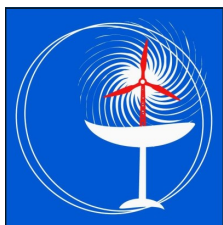


Notes from the Nora Office...

**Mere Lys Newsletter content due
the 20th of each month**

Please send content of any kind, for the newsletter, grapevines, and more, to the Nora email.

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