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## June/July 2023 Newsletter

*Nora Unitarian Universalist Church*

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### ***Annual Congregational Meeting***

The annual meeting of Nora Unitarian Universalist Church will take place at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4th, 2023. At that time the congregation will vote to approve a budget for the 2023/2024 church year, elect members to the Board of Trustees, and undertake other business as set forth in the agenda or proposed from the floor.

### ***June Service***

***Come join us for our last Nora church service before our summer break!***

#### **June 4 Service**

***“Honoring the celebration of Flower Communion”***

Flower Communion is a ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity & community. Unitarian minister, Norbert Capek, from Prague, started this ritual 100 years ago on June 4, 1923. Bring a flower 🌸 to this service & set it into the vase on our alter table. You will be able to choose a different flower

to bring home. This symbolizes the connection to one another & honors our ‘Church on the Hill’. As the Capek’s said, “Being given a flower as a symbol of anybody in attendance whom I am expected to accept as my brother or sister.”

We will also view a brief video from Reverend David A. Schwartz, the minister from the UU church of Boulder.

Here is the note he sent to Joy-

Hi Joy,

I'm writing out of the blue—some years ago I had the chance to preach at Nora UU Church; these days I serve the UU Church of Boulder Colorado. Last Sunday, as part of the service, I had the chance to tell a part of the story of your congregation. Since it was about you all, I thought I'd pass it along—I didn't want to tell your story behind your back!

all good wishes,

David

Rev. David Schwartz, Lead Minister

**As soon as our service is over, we will have our Annual Meeting.**

**Following the meeting, we will have our Potluck meal.**

### ***Nora Services***

**10:30 Service**

**First Sunday + Potluck**

***Regular Services Resume in***

***September***

[www.norauuchurch.org](http://www.norauuchurch.org)

**June 4**

***Honoring the Celebration of Flower Communion***

**Enjoy a beautiful summer break and watch the Grapevine for updates!**

### ***April Income and Expenses***

**Income:** \$1,682.00  
**Expenses:** \$ 3,956.73

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

### ***Nominating Committee Report***

All board members terms currently extend into 2024 and 2025. The committee thanks everyone for the service to the board.

### ***Mt. Pisqua Annual Meeting***

Mt. Pisqua cemetery association will have its annual meeting after Nora Church's annual meeting on Sunday, June 4th.

We will need to adopt by-laws and elect officers.

### ***June Board Meeting***

The date and time for the next Nora Church board meeting will be set at the annual meeting, June 4th.

### ***New Address***

Carol Chambard moved within Ridgeway on 23rd. Her new room is #324.

### ***Worthington International Festival***

Friday, July 14th 5:30 PM-9:00 PM

Saturday, July 15th 10:45 AM-9:15 PM

Nobles County Government Center

Downtown Worthington, MN  
Free and Open to the Public

Food and entertainment from around the world.  
More info at [worthingtoninternationalfestival.org](http://worthingtoninternationalfestival.org)

### ***Ukrainian Family Update & Needs***

Mt. Nora Friends,

Julie Peck, Lisa Erspamer and Jeanie Hinsman have been preparing the parsonage. Pavlo will arrive the evening of June 12. We are still waiting for corrections to documents for other family members.

The committee, (Julie, Lisa, Jeanie, Joy) plan to use a portion of the \$4,600 donations to purchase initial groceries and whatever items from the attached list that we still need. We will give the family \$500 to spend for their needs, most likely clothing. The remaining money will be set aside to assist in purchasing a car and car insurance. Below is a list of what is still needed; some items have been offered up-thank you. If you have items in good condition that you want to provide or if you wish to purchase an item for the family these contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your concern and generosity.

#### **Needed Household Items for Ukrainian family:**

##### **Kitchen:**

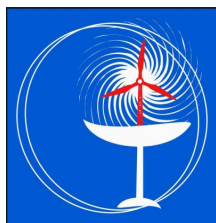
Saucepans (small, medium), measuring spoon, measuring cups, kitchen towels, hot pads, place mats, cookie sheets, pizza pan, cake pan, pie pan, set of mixing bowls, drinking glasses, paring knives, potato peeler, rubber scraper, tongs.

##### **Supplies:**

Trash bags, saran, wax paper, SOS,

##### **We have:**

Coffee maker, crock pot, 4qt soup pot, dishes, silverware, 2-2 qt casseroles, griddle, ice cream scoop, whisks, colander, hand mixer, apple slicer,



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***Notes from the Nora Office...***

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

**The next newsletter will be for August.**

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

***Summer office hours will likely be every other week, with hours at home as well. Emails will be checked and deposits made.***

*Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant*

***Sending Love and Light***

Our deepest condolences to Carol Chambard, Peggy Witt (Chambard) and family on the passing of Scot Witt of Naperville, IL. Peggy's husband, Scot (67), passed away Saturday, May 13th. Their children are Jennifer, Jonathan and Brian.

Condolences may be sent to: Peggy Witt - 5 S. 306

***In Memorium***

***Scot J. Witt***

*August 29, 1955—May 13, 2022*

pie crust blender, rolling pin.

**Bedrooms:**

Mattress covers for queen and twin bed, Sheets (twin, full, queen—prefer solid neutral colors,), blankets (twin, full, queen), bedspreads (twin—earth tone, queen—neutral or blue), wo comfortable chairs for bedrooms.

**Bathroom:**

Towels, toiletries, hamper, laundry baskets, laundry soap, bar soap

