

Services

10:30 Services

First & Third Sundays

Potluck follows 1st

Brown Bag Option 3rd

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Schedule

November 5

“Keeping it Real”

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Doak Mansfield

Followed by potluck.

November 19

“Ways of Oneness”

Prepared by

Vicki Sieve & Kristine

Paulson

Back December 3!

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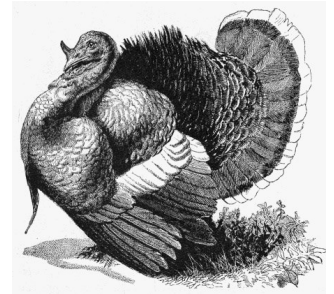
November 2023 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

November

Yet one smile more, departing, distant sun!
One mellow smile through the soft vapoury air,
Ere, o'er the frozen earth, the loud winds ran,
Or snows are sifted o'er the meadows bare.
One smile on the brown hills and naked trees,
And the dark rocks whose summer wreaths are cast,
And the blue Gentian flower, that, in the breeze,
Nods lonely, of her beauteous race the last.
Yet a few sunny days, in which the bee
Shall murmur by the hedge that skim the way,
The cricket chirp upon the russet lea,
And man delight to linger in thy ray.
Yet one rich smile, and we will try to bear
The piercing winter frost, and winds, and darkened air.

—William Cullen Bryant



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November 5 “Keeping It Real”

We welcome guest minister Rev. Doak is traveling to Nora from New Jersey to experience our unique and historic hilltop setting. His sermon topic “Keeping it Real” will explore our message and relevance as a faith. Might there be something different he has to say?

Join in a potluck meal after service and participate in sharing “Minnesota Nice” with Rev. Doak.

November 19 Service “Ways of Oneness”

How can our differences make us one? Vicki Sieve will present the topic of “Oneness” based on a sermon by Rev. Dr. Tony Larson of Racine, WI. Service prepared by Kristine Paulson and Vicki Sieve.

December 3 Service Guest minister: Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

Look for more information in the December Mere Lys. This will be a potluck Sunday.

November Board Meeting

Monthly board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, via Zoom. Contact Sally for info.

Address Update

Shirley Olson has moved from New Ulm to Cottage Grove to live with her daughter Dawn Christie. Their address is: 7296 Janero Ave S., Cottage Grove, Mn 55016

Inclement Weather

In case of Sunday morning inclement weather, the decision to cancel church service will be made no later than 8:00 a.m. Announcements will be made via Grapevine email, posting on the Nora website and Facebook page, and a cancellation notice will be sent to KNUJ and KTOE.

When church is not cancelled, you are responsible for your own safety. We love to see everyone at church but we would rather know everyone is safe. Please do not drive to church when road conditions, high winds or frigid temperature feel unsafe to you. We'll see you the next Sunday, or the next month or in April!!

LGBTQJ+ Resources

Sally Anne has Laurie Sieve's PDF of LGBTQI+ resources. If you would like her to email it to you, contact Sally Anne at meadow@frontiernet.net or try this [link to the pdf](#)

Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance Offerings

Rooted in Care

Thursday, November 2 from 10 – 11:30 am

Join in for a discussion about how community care among congregants can build a foundation for powerful action and organizing beyond church. We'll look at some of the common reasons folks do not participate in calls to action and how mutual aid within congregations strengthens and enhances our ability to show up as a community when we're needed. Facilitated by community organizer and activist, Dallas Rising. [Click here to register.](#)

The second opportunity is that we're seeking two to three people from Nora UU Church for our Trans Inclusion in Congregations class happening on Wednesdays from Nov 8 - Dec 13.

Trans Inclusion in Congregations

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 pm, Nov. 8 – Dec. 13

Is your congregation ready to take your welcome to the next level? Developed by Rev. Mykal Slack and Zr. Alex Kapitan, this course is for individuals, groups, and congregational teams who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity. Over six sessions you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality, and faith community, and gain the grounding, context, and skills to transform yourself and your congregation. Congregational teams are encouraged. Limit of 3 people per congregation. Facilitated by Katie Kline and Seth Anderson-Matz. [Click here to register.](#)

Seth Anderson-Matz is an interfaith & non-denominational faith leader, and a seminarian in the M.Div. in Religion & Theology program at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Seth is currently serving as Interim Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Mankato, and previously served as Program Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at First Universalist Church of Minneapolis. He is also a member of the 2022-23 National Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort.

A Note From the Treasurer

Income and Expenses

September Income: \$ 4,265.00

September Expenses: \$ 5,405.65

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

Notes from the Nora Office...

Mere Lys Newsletter content due the 20th of each month

Please send content of any kind, for the Mere Lys, grapevines etc. to the Nora email

Working in office 1xweek and from home. No set in-office hours. I can be contacted through the Nora email. If you need to get ahold of me directly, or quickly, please connect with Sally.

Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant