

**Lake Fellowship
Mission Statement:**

*To provide opportunities
for learning, personal
growth and service
in an atmosphere of
freedom and fellowship*



Fellowship News

LAKE FELLOWSHIP OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

FEBRUARY, 2013

Lake Fellowship is a lay-led Unitarian Universalist congregation. We meet Sundays from the week after Labor Day to the week before Memorial Day. There is no program between Christmas and New Year's.

Adult Program: 10:30 a.m.

Children's Program: 10:30 a.m.

- Religious Education for children is provided during the adult program

Lake Fellowship is located at 24575 Glen Road, Shorewood, in an A-frame building one block west of Hwy 19.

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Chairman's Corner

by Don Penn

Happy and warm winter greetings from the Board! Many exciting activities and events are being planned for the Fellowship and, as always, all of the board members are working hard on your behalf to improve both our building and the general Lake Fellowship experience each Sunday.

Sharon Dana, along with important design input from Beatriz Aquerevere, has been leading the board-approved effort to upgrade the flooring in the entry way, kitchen, and bathrooms. Through some shrewd shopping we have managed to purchase a beautiful stone tile for less than \$500! Her son Chris (who installs tiles professionally) has been VERY generous in offering to donate his labor to put the tile in which should be in place in the next few weeks. This is LONG overdue in my opinion and should be quite a beautiful and durable upgrade for the next decade or two (or five!).

Laurie Gauer, along with Rachel Dana, has taken the lead role to coordinate the upcoming Lake Fellowship "tag sale" this Spring. This is a fundraising event in which members can donate any well-cared-for and sellable items just hanging around the house to the Fellowship, who will in-turn sell them to the public. There will be quite a need for volunteers for this event and Laurie is actively working on coordinating dates and build-

ing her teams. I'm really looking forward to this, more details will be announced soon. Laurie is also continuing to coordinate the regular "We Get You" meeting event for LGBTQ youth in the area.

Les Kraus has been busy planning our regular movie and game nights which have been very well attended each month. Les has also graciously volunteered to emcee this year's upcoming Lake Fellowship auction this spring. Unlike the "tag sale", this is a chance for members to donate gifts, activities and services to the Fellowship which benefit other members of the Fellowship. This has been an annual event now for a couple of years and it's always a really good time.

Tim McGlynn, along with his lovely partner Terry, have been actively maintaining and coordinating the care of the external building and grounds. Their hard work was much appreciated these last few Sundays when the parking lot became covered in ice and they were regularly shoveling snow and putting down generous amounts of salt and gravel.

I'd also like to thank Peggy Muehlberg for taking an active role in providing supplies for the Fellowship on a weekly basis. All of those little things we take for granted each week (toilet paper in the bathrooms, napkins and paper towels for the kitchen, etc) can roll into one long, thankless job over time and I wanted to make a special note to thank Peggy for all of her ongoing efforts in this area.

Small dinner groups have also been going well and Kandis Hanson has been faithfully coordinating those activities on behalf of the group between her busy travel schedule.

Additional thanks to Dan Larson and Marnie Karger for their continued hard work scheduling some excellent programs this year. Special thanks also to go Marilyn Vialle for planning the music and to Karen Wendt for her regular contributions to the same. Also special thanks Matthew Tift for managing our wonderful website, to Kate Leith for handling the Fellowship's critical bookkeeping functions and to Gretchen Wahlstedt for leading the Religious Education for the children each week.

Lastly, attendance has been consistently good each week and we've enjoyed a number of excellent musicians at the Fellowship this past month. It also appears we will be adding three new members to our group in the coming weeks in addition to the two new members added a few weeks ago!

It's a great time to be at Lake Fellowship! From me and the entire board, thanks again for the opportunity to serve you!

Don Penn

Programs

February 3 — Musical Performance by Tony Ortiz Who the heck is Tony Ortiz???

In the early 1980's, a band from SoCal hit the scene with a fresh new sound. Somewhat "New Wave," somewhat "Rock," The Monroes quickly gained the attention of all who listened. Their first release was a single with a melody so catchy, you couldn't help but hum along with it. It was happy, fun, it rocked. The front man for the group was a known session and "live" singer in the local SoCal area, and had enjoyed success with many acts prior to the Monroes. But this time, it was different. The band was gaining momentum with a fresh new sound, and had the backing of a label that most people thought would "own" the '80s with their progressive roster. As the Monroes single, "What Do All the People Know" climbed the chart, no one could have ever expected what would happen next...

At the peak of the Monroes' success, their label slammed its doors shut, making it impossible for the band to continue forward, not knowing where to call home.

Like most stories about music artists, there's a lot more to this story than one person, one band, one hit song, one hurdle, and more than one success.

This is the story of Tony Ortiz, the talented front man with the amazing voice who propelled the Monroes into Billboard's Top 40 in 1982. This, is who the Heck Tony Ortiz is.

February 10 — WWDD (What Will Dan Do?) - Melanoma: A Personal Journey

Lake Fellowship UU member Dan Larson was diagnosed with Melanoma skin cancer this past September. He will present a program on his journey to date including some historical background, challenges, ups and downs, and impact to lifestyle. The second and larger part of the program will be around the preventative treatment options, discussing the

pros and cons of each and the philosophical questions that were part of the decision process. Dan will invite the audience to participate in discussing other philosophical questions/considerations if this was a decision they had to make, or have had to make, on a medical event for themselves or a family member. LFUU members Janice Leafer and Kandis Hanson will also share a summary of their fights with cancer and why they chose the paths of treatment they did. The program will conclude with sharing which path Dan and Vicki took, why, what to expect this next year or two, and time at the end for any questions.

February 17 — Who Are We? A fun morning all about answers.

As a congregation, we at Lake Fellowship are a fairly tight-knit group, but how well do we really know one another? What secret talents and colorful pasts lie behind our lovely singing voices? Who else among us has been to Costa Rica, and who else counts "Downton Abbey" as their favorite guilty pleasure? Come this Sunday prepared to find out the answers to these and other questions, and maybe to divulge a few of your own idiosyncrasies as well.

February 24 — Magnificent Minnetonka: a place and its people

Our speaker today is Paul Maravelas. Paul will share the colorful history of this area we call home, pulling from his extensive research and studies of the Lake Minnetonka area.

Paul Maravelas grew up in Tonka Bay and works as a museum curator. He is currently completing a book on the history of Big Island for the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society.

GAME NIGHT AT LAKE FELLOWSHIP

Saturday February 23, 2013
7:00 PM at the A-frame
24575 Glen Road, Shorewood MN

Bring your favorite Board or other game; your ping pong gear; or just come and participate. Let your competitive spirit run amok.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

A guaranteed fun evening!

You Can Help!

The Program Committee is looking for your help. Do you have interest or expertise on a topic or field of study that would make for an interesting program? Do you know somebody who would want to come out and give us a Sunday morning presentation (ideally for free)? So far this year we have had a good mix of internal and external speakers to provide LFUU with some interesting programs on a wide variety of subjects. Many of you have done a program(s) or provided us with contacts, and for that we are very grateful. Surveys were sent to members and friends this past spring with limited response. One area that was reflected in all of the returned surveys was that people really enjoy our casual, lay-led services over having a minister. In order to maintain quality programs on a consistent basis, we need your participation. While Marnie Karger and I are able to find speakers and topics for programs, we love feedback and ideas from you. Please reach out to one or both of us if you would like to do a program yourself or coordinate an external speaker to do an upcoming program this spring or even next fall.

Thank you,
Dan Larson (larsondnv@gmail.com)
Marnie Karger (marnie.karger@gmail.com)

As you clean out your closets, storage rooms, attic and garage, remember to set aside unwanted items in good condition for our:

Church Yard Sale

Late May-Early June, exact dates TBD

Bring gently used items to the A-frame starting Sunday, May 19 (last day of '12-'13 program year).

More details will follow, including volunteer sign-up: we will need lots of help setting up, staffing and taking down.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards needed improvements on the Lake Fellowship A-frame.

Attic Sale Co-Chairs: Rachel Dana & Laurie Gauer
(gauer_mn@yahoo.com)

Web Connections...

Lake Fellowship Web Page: www.lakefellowship.org

Unitarian Universalist Association, representing over 1000 liberal congregations in North America: www.uua.org

Prairie Star District, the upper midwest district of the UUA: www.psduua.org

Friends and members of Lake Fellowship of Unitarian-Universalists are invited to

Sangha

...a community to practice mindfulness and compassion in the spirit of the Buddha

9:10 to 10:10 am, Sundays
before the regular program at the A-Frame

All are welcome regardless of meditation experience.

Bring pillows or a meditation cushion and 1 or 2 blankets

Questions? Contact Fellowship member Peggy Muehlberg: mmuehlberg@gmail.com or 612-790-0242

Newsletter Articles' Submission

The editors welcome articles or updates from Lake Fellowship committee heads or members for publication in our newsletter. The preferred submission format is digital (copied to an email). Submissions can be sent to

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The deadline for submissions to the next Newsletter is Wednesday, February 20, 2013

What do Unitarian Universalists Believe? The Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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