

**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

JANUARY, 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

"Wow!"

It's not often that I audibly blurt out that phrase sitting in front of my computer screen, but that's exactly how it was as I opened up our Annual Profit and Loss statement this week. But before I tell you why I said that, let me back up a step or two.

As I and various board members have shared over the past few weeks at the Fellowship, we've had a slight gap between our annual budget and our membership contributions. And by "slight" I mean huge. Though our fiscal year (May - April) budget this year is approximately \$15,500, we only had a little over \$900.00 in contributions from members going into the first week of December. Why that's a bit scary is that, historically speaking, there is VERY little financial giving to the Fellowship between the months of January and April so once we typically get to the end of December that's usually about it for raising funds from members.

Working with our Treasurer Sharon Dana, we both took opportunities in December to address our financial needs directly with members and you've responded...big time! Hence the "Wow!"

as I opened up the books this week and saw that in the month of December over \$8000.00 has now been contributed in total. Add to that the \$3000.00 we raised in our auction last spring (which gets added to this fiscal-years budget) and we're about 75% of the way toward meeting our expenses for this fiscal year. Wow!! It's hard to describe how grateful I feel because of your generosity. I know many of you also intend to provide on-going contributions well past December by using your banks online "Bill Pay" directly to our account and it will be much appreciated too! If you prefer to donate that way please see Sharon Dana or Kate Leith for more info.

The board is planning two additional fund-raising events this year to close the budget gap and perhaps put a little cash into our buildings' repair/improvement fund. First being another auction this year (likely in March) and second being a gigantic Lake Fellowship garage sale later in the Spring. Details are still being worked out for both events but I always love how much fun these events are and how much they bring us closer together.

Speaking of "together", we had our first ever "game night" hosted by Les Kraus a few weeks ago resulting in a tremendous turnout and ridiculous amounts of fun for all who attended. This is a great adjunct to our regular "movie nights" now that we have a new high-definition projector (we will be alternating between game and movie nights every other month during the year). We also had a fantastic turnout for the Winter Solstice event this month led by Vicki and Dan Larson. It was COLD, but I was very impressed with how many came out to brave the weather and drink hot cider by the fire. All of the tea-candles melting into the snow made for an amazing ambiance. Additionally, our regular "We Get You" meetings for LGBTQ youth in the area are still being attended on a regular basis and actively staffed by volunteers from the Fellowship and our R.E. (religious education) program is in full swing. I've been very happy with the good attendance for

our regular Sunday programs each week and was delighted to have recently added 2 new members to our fold just this past month.

Finally, have you noticed the level of camaraderie and the good spirit of friendship that's permeated each of our occasions to gather and socialize? I have, and it's been really refreshing to be a part of the Fellowship this year. Thanks to everyone for their part in making this such a wonderful place to gather, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Don Penn

## **Programs**

### **January 6 – Ethics: A Personal Search**

There is no place better to look at the practical application of ethics than in healthcare. "Death committees" and other "socialistic tendencies" of the current healthcare reform aside, there are broader principals of medical ethics that we will discuss.

Our speaker, Dr. Peter D'Ascoli, is a physician who has practiced in MN for nearly 30 years. He has also practiced his field of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Montana, South Dakota and Nicaragua. For some years he sat on the Ethics Committee for the Fairview/University Medical Center in Minneapolis. His involvement with the UU movement involves not only membership at the First Unitarian Society but also as a national trainer of trainers for the UUA/UCC Our Whole Lives sexuality curriculum.

### **January 13 – Complexity: why the sciences of chaos and complexity matter**

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### **January 20 – UU Ministry -- an oxymoron?**

Lake Fellowship welcomes UU minister Leslie Mills who will present a program on the topic of UU ministry. More info about this program is forthcoming.

### **January 27 – Musical Performance -- Larry McDonough & Richard Terrill**

We're happy to welcome back Larry McDonough and Richard Terrill for another program of great classic and contemporary jazz duets.

## **Recent Programs**

### **December 2 – The State of the BWCAW**

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) has been the stage where Wilderness Law and policy has played out since 1909. Luminaries from Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson, Earnest Oberholtzer to Robert Redford and Charles Kuralt have called it North America's treasure.

Dr. Lee Frelich, director of Forest Ecology at the U of M, and Mark Haarman, wilderness guide and activist will discuss the history, ecology and pending future of our Wilderness with plenty of time for Questions and Answers.

## Recent Programs continued

### December 9 – Current Events

Come prepared to discuss some of the major local and global current events. As usual we will vote on each subject submitted and the top 3 will make up our program. Our discussion will be led and moderated by our own Les Kraus.

### December 16 – Favorite Readings

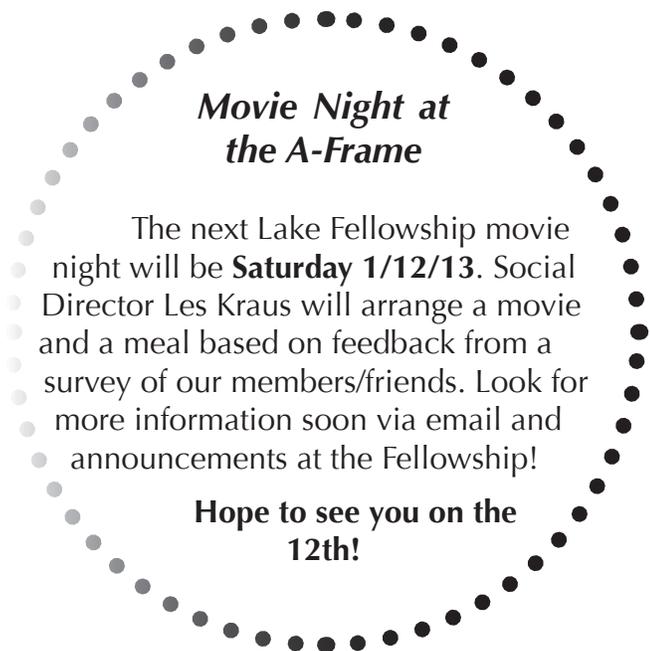
This interactive program will have volunteers read and share favorite poems, song lyrics, quotes, etc. Please dig around and find something that you would like to share with the group: inspirational, funny, sad, happy, or whatever!

### December 23 – Winter Potluck

Join us for our annual holiday potluck. Before the meal, the children will present a short program.

### December 30 – LFUU will not meet

No program today. Enjoy your holiday and seasonal gatherings!



## Web Connections...

**Lake Fellowship Web Page:** [www.lakefellowship.org](http://www.lakefellowship.org)

**Unitarian Universalist Association**, representing over 1000 liberal congregations in North America: [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

**Prairie Star District**, the upper midwest district of the UUA: [www.psduua.org](http://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](mailto:mmuehlberg@gmail.com) or (952) 470-9214

## 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, January 23, 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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