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## Services for December 2019

### Sunday, December 1st - 10:00 AM - Black Lives Matter to UUs

Join us and our BLUU Team in an exploration of things we can do to help marginalized communities right here in Kenosha.



### Sunday, December 8th - 10:00 AM - Healing Power of Yoga



Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings leads service on the use of meditation and yoga to help addiction and trauma recovery.

### Sunday, December 15th - 10:00 AM - Transforming Hearts

Our second service dedicated to our Transforming Hearts transgender ministry initiative will be led by intern minister Denise Cawley and followed immediately by an all-church training led in part by Michael Munson of Forge.



### Saturday, December 21st - 7:00 PM - Solstice Worship



We welcome our Pagan/Wiccan and Earth-Centered spiritual seekers to a traditional Winter Solstice service in the round. All ages are welcome!

### Sunday, December 22nd - 10:00 AM - Holiday Stardust

In our annual winter celebration we will hold an all-ages service dedicated to the magic of the season.



### Tuesday, December 24th - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve



We celebrate Christmas Eve with a traditional candlelight service dedicated to the light each of us has to shine upon the world.

### Sunday, December 29th - 10:00 AM - Florence and Marion

In this New Year's service intern minister Denise Cawley will be looking at the love story that is the relationship between Rev. Dr. Florence Buck (Kenosha Unitarian minister from 1901 - 1910) and her life-partner, fellow Unitarian minister, Rev. Marion Murdock.



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## FROM REV. ERIK DAVID CARLSON



November was a landmark month at Bradford UU, welcoming 14 new members to our roles, celebrating Thanksgiving in style and lifting up a heroine from our past in the incomparable Rev. Dr. Florence Buck. December is always a busy and engaging time for any congregation, and even more so for us at Bradford UU this year. We kick off the season with an in-depth look at the Black Lives Matter movement, our involvement through Black Lives Matter to UUs (BLUU) and how we might each give back to communities in need through a special tutoring initiative.

Our newly affiliated community minister Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings will lead service the following Sunday, December 8th on the healing power of yoga and meditation, especially for those in recovery from substance abuse and trauma. Rev. Dr. Cummings is an invaluable addition to our Bradford UU family, having served multiple UU congregations, the Unitarian Universalist Association and currently serves the Hope Council, detainees at the Kenosha County Detention Center, the YMCA and the ELCA Outreach Center. Please welcome her back to our pulpit!

As always, we will also be hosting holiday-themed services for Solstice on Saturday, December 21st and Sunday, December 22nd, Christmas Eve on December 24th and New Year's on December 29th.

This month we also support two of our family as they pursue the final stages of professional Unitarian Universalist ministry, as both our intern minister Denise Cawley and member (and my spouse) Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson appear before the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) this December. Completing the biographical packet and successfully passing the intense in-person MFC interview is the last step needed to pursue ordination as UU clergy. In both cases, this represents the culmination of many years' hard work and learning and we wish them both the best of luck!

Much gratitude for a wonderful November and many blessings for a wonderful holiday season, and hope to see you at church!

- Rev. Erik

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### **We are a Welcoming Congregation and a Green Sanctuary.**

Recognizing that we are truly one people, all with inherent dignity and worth, this Unitarian Universalist congregation celebrates the presence and participation of people of all races, religious backgrounds, genders, and affectional orientations. Recognizing also that we are only one part of the interdependent web of all life, we have pledged to be more intentional stewards of the environment through our choices and use of resources.

### **Worship, Children's Religious Education & Childcare:**

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

### **Office Hours:**

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### **Staff:**

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Vacant

## FROM YOUR BOARD TO YOU

Good Yule! Happy Solstice! Io, Saturnalia! Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Good news to report: our annual auction (held a month early; did the Auction Committee consult the Accuweather Ouija board?) was a success. A mini-estate sale for the Bea Lundgren estate is in the works.

A Safety Team Task Force is being formed in order to update the existing safety procedures. Once this is accomplished, the information will be presented to the congregation and drills will be practiced.

In September we initiated the plan to have all ages worship together, and it's been widely accepted, as have the active listening exercises. A tip of the hat to the Sunday Morning Team, who made the transition a reality.

Membership will be an upcoming focus. There will be three Blessings of Membership services addressing Bradford history, community involvement, and church governance. They will be held in the fall, the spring, and near the annual meeting.

At Bradford, "we're all in this together" and we'd love to have your feedback. If you have a comment or question, please speak to a Board member or put a note in the Comments box at the back of the church.

One of the most wonderful things about our church is how we continue to be a hub of connection for worship, fellowship, education, and music appreciation. We look forward to 2020 with hope and anticipation. And so, to quote Mssrs. Armstrong and Callaway, here's wishing you a Cool Yule... and may your New Year be copasetic!

~Dani Lockwood, Bradford UU Board of Trustees

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



We are overjoyed to welcome our largest new member class in recent memory - please make sure you welcome our newest spiritual seekers: Tim Rozwadowski, Susan McCarthy, Casey Kalicki, Marianne Morin, Heather Poyner, Dara Anne Fugette, Candia Soens-Francetic, Emily and Brendan Alviani, Stacey Concannon, Sara Lehrke, Sarah and Ken Kirby and Lisa Fensterle!

### **Church Board**

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# GREEN SANCTUARY

## [Pringle Nature Center Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Volunteers are essential for the operation of the Pringle Nature Center and we hope you would consider joining us in one of these rewarding opportunities:

### **Teacher Naturalists**

Teacher naturalists help us conduct our environmental education programs by working with a trail group of 10-12 children. Program outlines and training are provided as well as the chance to shadow experienced teacher naturalists. Prior knowledge is not necessary and the primary qualification is a desire to have fun working with children in a natural setting.

### **Animal Care**

We have a variety of fish, reptiles, amphibians, and insects that like to be fed and have their cages cleaned on a regular basis. This is an excellent opportunity for high school or college students interested in learning about animal behavior and physiology.

### **Sunday Greeters**

Because our professional staff have Sundays off, we need friendly greeters to welcome visitors to the nature center. Training includes procedures for opening and closing the building and information about frequently asked questions. If you enjoy meeting people, this is a great way to do it. One of the perks is observing the birds visiting our feeders. Morning or afternoon shifts are available.

### **Ecosystem Management**

We strive to eliminate invasive species from our forest and prairie each 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from April through November. We also have rain gardens and butterfly gardens that need to be maintained. If you like to work outdoors, get some exercise and help restore natural habitats, this is the opportunity for you. Tools and training are provided.

### **Webmaster**

Having an up to date, attractive, easily navigated website is important to promote our activities. If you have the computer skills to do this, we could use you.

### **Newsletter Editor**

To keep our friends and members informed, we produce seasonal newsletters. As editor, you would be responsible for soliciting articles and formatting the newsletter.

### **Facilities**

#### *Safety*

Jeff Helgeson

#### *Technology*

Warren Leisemann

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#### *Hospitality*

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# 2019 AUCTION

It's been about six weeks since the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bradford Church Auction on Oct. 19. This year's auction netted the church **\$14,150**, bettering last year's net income by **\$1,407**. **Congratulations Bradford UU!**



There are many working parts to our auction (appetizers, bakery, beverages, drawing, Heads or Tails game, pie contest, in addition to our silent and live auction). Whew!

Your Auction Committee wants to thank everyone who supported the event through auction item/ event/service donations, bakery and appetizer donations, pie contest bakers, volunteers, and auction attendees/bidders.

A special "Thank You" to Heather Poyner, who spent 8 hours at a laptop, helping to write the auction booklet. Beyond the ten committee members, there were 19 volunteers on the night of the auction.

And we're not quite done with our efforts. Nine events still have openings, which we will be announcing over the next few months.

If all of the openings are filled, it would mean another **\$1,000** income for the auction! Stay tuned!

Submitted by Diane Giles

## Bradford Community Church Book Club Reading list for 2019-20

The book club normally meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

- December **Lies My Teachers Told Me** by Jason Loewen
- January **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult
- February **The Truths We Hold** by Kamala Harris
- March **An America Marriage** by Tayari Jones
- April **From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find the Good Death** by Caitlin Doughty
- May **Vox** by Christina Dalcher
- June **Fascism: A Warning** by Madeleine Albright
- July **A Girl with a Pearl Earring** by Tracy Chevalier
- August **How to Change Your Mind** by Michael Pollan

For more information, contact Jennifer Burns at [jjburns1966@gmail.com](mailto:jjburns1966@gmail.com) or 262-344-4124.

## Transforming Hearts - Worship & Training December 15th!



Join us for our second worship and workshop dedicated to our Transforming Hearts transgender education and ministry initiative.

The worship will address issues raised in the first two sessions of the Transforming Hearts curriculum - register online at

<http://BradfordUU.org/transgender> or pick up printed transcripts of the lessons in the sanctuary.

# HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

## GIVING TREE

We have adopted three families from Kafasi to receive Christmas gifts this year. Starting December 1 there will be a Giving Tree in back of church with gift tags on it. If you take a tag, please bring the wrapped gift with the tag on it to church by Sunday December 15. We will be delivering them that week. Questions contact: Ruth Donalds at 262.914.2610.



## RED SLEIGH



Bea Lundgren's Red Sleigh will again kickoff Bradford's holiday donations for the Shalom Center's operating budget. We believe contributions will be matched by Barth Storage. Please write checks to BCCUU, memo: Red Sleigh/Shalom. Donations will begin on December 1 and end on December 29th.

## GRACE WELCOME CENTER

**Tuesdays, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Grace Lutheran Church - 2006 60th St. Kenosha**

Volunteers are needed to help with the registering, serving, and stocking food. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or donate grocery items contact:

Denise Russell – 262.909.8182

Bob Waldron jrwj1947@yahoo.com.

**[www.gracewelcomecenter.org](http://www.gracewelcomecenter.org)**

# ADULT ENRICHMENT

## Green Sanctuary

Green Sanctuary Committee meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month downstairs in the Young Room. Anyone interested in ecology who wants to “do” something, is invited.

## CUSH Immigration Task Force

The CUSH Immigration Task Force will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Beth Hillel Temple, 6050 8th Avenue, Kenosha. For more information, please contact Marlene Tack at [kenntack@ameritech.net](mailto:kenntack@ameritech.net) or 262-654-4669.



## Tai Chi

Tai Chi meets Fridays from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Young Room. New students are welcome as well as those who have already attended. Fee is \$3.00 for BCCUU members and \$5.00 for all others, to be paid at the time of the session. Call the Church office at 262-656-0544 for more information.

## Breakfast Bunch

The Breakfast Bunch meets at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at the Hillcrest Restaurant, 6000 75th Street, Kenosha. Mary James is the coordinator.

## Zen Meditation

On Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., Denis Wikel and Bill Bohlman lead an informal Zen Buddhist Meditation Practices class in the Anthony Room.



## **Go Paperless**

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Unless you have requested to have *The Quilt* sent to you as a hard copy, all members and friends will receive *The Quilt* via email. The form to request a hard copy is located at the back of the church. For more information, contact the office at 262-656-0544.



Everyone who pledges to buy \$100 or more of Scrip monthly through June 2020 is entered to win: A **\$50 gift card**

of your choice OR

**One item** from our **Bradford UU Store!**

Don't forget that Scrip cards make great holiday gifts!

## **Can You Help?**

Volunteers are needed to help on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Shalom Soup Kitchen to make sandwiches and serve soup from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the camaraderie with other volunteers.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, 12/15 10:00 AM - Transforming Hearts  
worship & workshop**

**Saturday, 12/21 7:00 PM - Solstice Celebration**

**Tuesday, 12/24 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, 12/25 - Merry Christmas!**



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