

LFD NEWSLETTER

Teacher Appreciation

We appreciate and give thanks to our volunteer teachers for their generosity, time, and commitment to UUCSV's children & youth and in promoting our Unitarian Universalist values.

Pre S – 4th - Marie Francis, Gloria Kelm, Katy Pitcock, Gina Rezabek

5th – 9th - Leslie Blackburn, Linda Gold, Jocelyn Shaffer-Neese, Michael Neese

12th Grade Mentors - Liz England, Dixie Wiles

7th - 9th OWL - Rhona Collins, Bob Haskins, Sal Vasta

Children & Youth Religious Education Committee Members - Barbara Peters - Chair, Kathy Crettier, Katy Pitcock, Lisa Row



Adult Religious Education Members - Rebecca Allen, Liz England

Covenant Group Coordinators - Marilyn Dugan, Nancy Ticknor

Lastly, we thank everyone who stepped forward this past year to teach/facilitate/lead any one of our numerous Adult Education programs this year. Without your generous gifts we could not exist as we do today. If you have any suggestions for future Adult Education programs please contact Cory or one of our committee members.

Covenant Group (CG) News



Our spiritual theme for the month of **June** is **Going Somewhere?** Been somewhere lately, usually means, have you been somewhere *else* lately? The freedom and ability to travel are important to many of us. We long for a change of scene, to see new things and to visit interesting places. We think that traveling is enriching and vacations are best taken away from home. This month we will explore various ideas from the simple idea of a mere trip to the more complex — journeys and pilgrimages. What is the difference you ask? What might religious liberals learn about themselves and the wider world while on a pilgrimage? As always, this and more will be discovered as you listen, discuss and learn in our time together during covenant group meetings.

And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home. -Wendell Berry

Our last spiritual theme for this program year will be **Bucket Lists** in **July**.

In September we will once again have Covenant Group Sign-Ups and our first Covenant Group Meetings will begin in October.

Adult Education

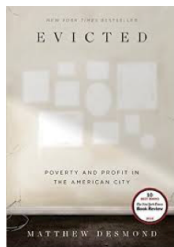
Book Club

September - Evicted by Matthew Desmond

Facilitation: Rotating

Date: Wednesday, September 27th @ 10:15 a.m.

– from iTunes Preview - **WINNER OF THE 2017 PULITZER PRIZE GENERAL NON-FICTION & NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**



From Harvard sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond, a landmark work of scholarship and reportage that will forever change the way we look at poverty in America

In this brilliant, heartbreaking book, Matthew Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. Arleen is a single mother trying to raise her two sons on the \$20 a month she has left after paying for their rundown apartment. Scott is a gentle nurse consumed by a heroin addiction. Lamar, a man with no legs and a neighborhood full of boys to look after, tries to work his way out of debt. Vanetta participates in a botched stickup after her hours are cut. All are spending almost everything they have on rent, and all have fallen behind.

The fates of these families are in the hands of two landlords: Sherrena Tarver, a former schoolteacher turned inner-city entrepreneur, and Tobin Charney, who runs one of the worst trailer parks in Milwaukee. They loathe some of their tenants and are fond of others, but as Sherrena puts it, "Love don't pay the bills." She moves to evict Arleen and her boys a few days before Christmas.

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality—and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship.

Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Summer RE Teachers Needed for

"Our Summer with Dr. Seuss"

Beginning today, June 4, our summer Religious Education program will be introducing the Dr. Seuss curriculum to our children in K through the 5th grades.

Youth entering the middle grades and above are invited to attend the service with their families.

Why use the stories of Dr. Seuss in UU congregations? These stories are fun and engaging. But even more important, they are based on life situations and experiences and give us a way to reflect, and to talk about things that are part of our lives.

- we all sleep,
- we all get lost,
- we all are afraid sometimes,
- we all meet people who are on -- and sometimes in -- our way,
- we all like adventure in various ways,
- we all struggle with what is right and what is not.

It's easy! Just sign up in the Narthex at the LFD Counter, pick up the envelope with the corresponding date. Each envelope includes the book you will be reading, lesson plan and guidelines, along with most of the materials you will need to implement your class. Other materials may be found in the RE Hallway. You will need to find an assistant which can be your spouse, friend, or older teen. Please review the lesson and if you have any questions Cory will be glad to assist.

Cory will be out of town from June 16 - July 5.

Emails/correspondence will be addressed upon her return. In the case of an emergency you may contact Sheryl Wilhide our Office Administrator.

For more information about our Religious Education Program contact: Cory Ness, Director of Religious Education at 717-487-8036 or corythedre@gmail.com