



THE CHALICE NEWS

Unitarian Society of Menomonie
A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

April 2022 Newsletter

SEVEN PRINCIPLES

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

CALENDAR

10 AM IN OUR MEETING ROOM
(ZOOM CONNECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED)

April 3 – Service with Dennis Peters, “The Fifth Principle”

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

April 10 – Harpist Sarah Ohr will play for us!

Sarah is originally from Green Bay. She now lives in Eau Claire and plays professionally with the Sarah Ohr trio, and at Professional Harpist.

April 10 – Board meeting 11:30 at our church office

April 17 – Happy Easter! No UU Service

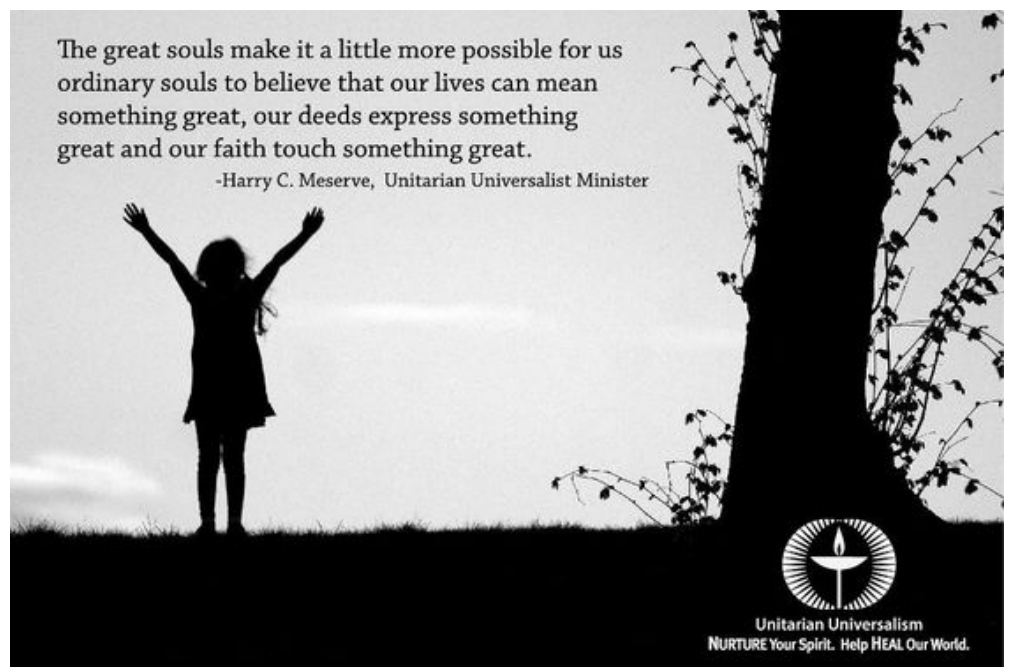
April 24 – Service with Dennis Peters, “The Sixth Principle”

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

***If you have an idea for a service, please let a board member know.**

The great souls make it a little more possible for us ordinary souls to believe that our lives can mean something great, our deeds express something great and our faith touch something great.

-Harry C. Meserve, Unitarian Universalist Minister



JULIANA SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT



In listening to some of the U.S. Senate judicial committee confirmation hearings of Ketanji Brown Jackson who has been nominated by President Biden to be the next justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, I am reminded of how much progress has been made in our country toward racial and gender equality. If Jackson is confirmed by the committee, she will be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. It gives me goose flesh just thinking about it. At last, at last...

Jackson is extremely qualified to hold this position. She graduated from Harvard Law School. She has worked as a private attorney, served as a public defender (no other justice has done that), as a district court and an appellate court judge. I am impressed with her calm, steady, respectful, clear, answers to the many questions from the senators.

As she states, her parents lived through “lawful segregation”, the system whereby separate, but equal institutions existed side by side, but not integrated. Jackson, on the other hand, born in 1970, was (and is) as she puts it, an “inheritor” of Martin Luther King’s struggle and civil rights in the U.S., so that she has the possible opportunity to rise to the highest court in the land. An amazing turnabout in one generation. For women, and for women of color.

The 19th Century married woman had no property rights. Once she was married her husband inherited all her assets, and until 1920 she could not vote. Even with the vote, there were many restrictions, institutionally and socially. Especially After WWII, women were expected to marry, have children, and stay home. And if a female pursued a career in a male-dominated profession, that was rare. A local example: you may recall The Honorable Donna Muza, judge for many years in Dunn County. She was the only woman in her law school graduating class from UW-Madison in the 1940’s. She graduated at the top of that class. Now most of graduates of law schools in this country are female.

With the advent of the Women’s Liberation movement, women’s roles began to change in the 60s and 70s. Prior to that, the stereotypical woman was supposed to graduate from high school, get married, have children, clean and cook. Many of you may recall the TV show, The Donna Reed Show which ran in the 1960s. Donna Reed played the domesticated mom, always clad in dresses and high heels, her hair and makeup always perfect. She was the quintessential American female, totally dependent upon her husband’s income, working to keep the perfect home, and raise the kids. She was the ideal every American woman was supposed to strive for in her adult life. If I had followed that path, I would have gone out of my mind!

Many women struggled against that Donna Reed status quo. They were at last accepted or made in-roads in male-dominated professions and positions. They became attorneys, police officers, doctors, governors, mayors, senators, clergy, faculty at colleges and universities, cabinet members, etc.

[Message from Juliana Schmidt. Continued](#)

In addition, you were either a Miss or a Mrs. not a Ms. as is accepted today -- another example of the progress women have made. (I remember the fact that when I married, there were some states that didn't allow you to keep your maiden name when marrying. I kept my maiden name. No doubt about it, I was born and will die with my given name.)

Remember Shirley Chisholm? She ran for president. Barbara Jordan? She was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Condoleeza Rice? She was a Secretary of State in the Bush Administration. Great examples of articulate, thoughtful, whip-smart intelligent women who happened to be Black. Black women were not allowed to vote until the 1960s (due to several state laws). I was surprised when I learned this recently. And now we have in one of the highest offices in the land a woman of color, Vice President Kamala Harris. A lot of progress has been made. But make no mistake, there is still more to be done. For example, Black women make 21% less than white women, according to Forbes Magazine. And white women make 18% less than white men. Yes, more needs to be done to make our country more equal for 51.1% of the population.

When I listen to Ms. Brown it makes me proud. I hope that she is confirmed. Not because she is a Black woman, but because she is very qualified. Also, from what I have heard from her, she would be careful, patient, articulate, clear, and considerate of the facts and the arguments of each case. Her confirmation would certainly be icing on the cake, a milestone. And the Court would begin to look like the diverse nation we live in.

Peace, Juliana Schmidt, President of the USM Board

[Reminder: May 1st Annual Meeting](#)

The Annual Meeting is May 1 at 10 am in the meeting space. On the agenda are the approval of the 2022-23 budget, the election of officers, and a bylaw change. Mark your calendars and send your pledge forms (last 2 pages of this newsletter) to Dave Williams as soon as possible.

[Adopt a Highway Clean Up Saturday May 7th 10-12 pm](#)

Meet at the Cedar Creek Park near Lucettes. We will gather and share vehicles. Please have good walking shoes or boots, gloves, sunscreen/bug spray and be prepared to walk 2 miles in teams of at least two people. Please watch [the 6 minute safety video](#). We will need a truck to gather the garbage. Rain date May 14th. Please contact Sherry at sherryhagen0115@gmail.com with questions.

[Have content for the next newsletter?](#)

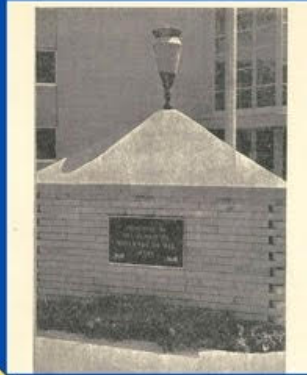
Please email events, news, poems, stories by the 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter to kwiersgalla@gmail.com.



DUNN COUNTY
**VETERANS
ETERNAL FLAME**

July 27th 1971

The Original Flame was designed to commemorate those who served in one or more wars for our country.



**November 11th,
1996**

The Eternal Flame was rededicated after the extinguishing of the flame in the early 1980's due to an energy crunch

TODAY

The Dunn County offices moved locations and ground was broken in the Fall of 2021 for the new location for the Eternal Flame Memorial



**GOAL -
\$41,000**

Funds are needed for the next steps of the Memorial. The goal for 2022 is to create the foundation of the Memorial and order the granite for the Monument.



How to Help?

Donations can be sent to:
Veterans Eternal Flame Memorial c/o Marlin W. Severson, Treasurer
3014 Wilson St. Lot #201 Menomonie, WI 54751