

IN THE BUUF, The Newsletter of the
BUFFALO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

JULY 2018



Compassion, Humanism, Idealism

*Our regular meetings are held at the Buffalo Community Center from September through May and begin at 7 p.m.
Please enter through the rear door.*



REMEMBERING JACK WALDHAUER

Our dear friend, Jack Waldhauer, died on Tuesday, June 19 at age 90. Jack and Betty signed the BUUF Membership Book on April 9, 1997, and they have both been faithful members since then. Jack and Betty are also members of the St. Cloud UU Fellowship, where Jack served as treasurer for many years.

Jack suffered with COPD for a long time, and for the last few weeks he had been receiving home hospice care. Betty and their three daughters were with Jack when he died.

The memorial service will be Wednesday, July 11 at 11 a.m. at the St. Cloud UU Fellowship, 3226 Maine Prairie Road, St. Cloud. If you're interested in carpooling, contact Louise Markve 763-682-4616 or Pattie Dorf 763-682-2169 or Marie Smith 763-295-3732.



NEXT MEETINGS - SUMMER SOCIALS!

Sunday, July 15 Second SUMMER SOCIAL at Sturges Park in Buffalo

Sunday, August 12 Third SUMMER SOCIAL at Ellison Park in Monticello



SUMMER SOCIALS

It has been the BUUF tradition to hold socials during June, July and August and to resume regular Wednesday evening meetings in September. EVERYONE is welcome to our socials – even if you have never attended a BUUF event in the past! The socials start at 1 p.m. and end by 4 p.m. Our hosts appreciate your RSVP!

Directions to these events:

Sturges Park in Buffalo on beautiful Buffalo Lake (Highway 25)

TELEPHONE MARIE SMITH at 763-295-3732 or LOUISE MARKVE at 763-682-4616

For this scaled-down social, we'll have an informal picnic and time to gather to talk about our dear friend, Jack Waldhauer. Just bring your own lunch – no need to prepare a dish to share this time.

Ellison Park on the Mississippi River in Monticello

East River Street and Washington Street

TELEPHONE MARIE SMITH AT 763-295-3732, Doods1945@aol.com

Bring a dish to share, remembering that we usually have an overabundance of desserts! Marie will bring chicken.

From Buffalo, take State Highway 25 north to Monticello. At the intersection of Highway 25 (Pine St.) and Broadway (CSAH 75), turn **right** (east) and drive about a mile to Washington Street. The Monticello Middle School is on your right. Turn **left** (north) and drive one block to East River Street. (If you pass the hospital,

turn around.) Turn **right** on River Street for about 1 block for the best parking. We will be in the new shelter at the easternmost edge of the park.



AN INVITATION FROM GROVELAND UU FELLOWSHIP

Groveland UU Fellowship in St. Paul has just become a Covenanting Community! They are especially grateful to Dunc Fowler for helping them through the process. Dunc is an expert as he spent a lot of time and energy getting the BUUF accepted as one of the first Covenanting Communities in the MidAmerica Region of the UUA.

Groveland UU Fellowship will have a celebration of this important event on Saturday, August 4 at Hidden Falls Park on East Mississippi River Blvd. in St. Paul, and they have invited us to join in! The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. and will include food, beverages, and family-friendly games.

Let's plan on joining them!



BUUFalo GALS

The women of the BUUF meet the third Thursday of each month for lunch and conversation. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m., at Wild Marsh. Louise Markve will contact us to confirm.

It's time again to gather new underwear and socks for women and children (and cash donations) to take to Anna Marie's Alliance, the women's shelter in St. Cloud. Louise and Marie will take the items to Anna Marie's soon.



Marie's niece, Mary, shared this Facebook post from Suzanne Marie Whitehead --

I believe that your position may change if you were standing in El Salvador, holding a child standing with a mother who's sobbing and begging you to take her son with you because the gangs are trying to recruit him and she is desperately trying to hide and save him. I believe that your position may change and you would save that drowning child and his parents who capsized on that flimsy, overcrowded dingy if you were on the beaches of Greece, even though they came there illegally from the war zones of Syria. I believe that if you were standing in the crisis, in the middle of the crumbled buildings and children crying from hunger, standing over the bodies of people you know that were killed for no reason, the views you have now from the comfort of your home would be softened. You can still believe in legal immigration, I do. You can still believe in fixing the loopholes and wanting undocumented people to do the right thing and get their papers in order, I do. You can want to make sure refugees and economic migrants get processed differently yet fairly, I do. But you can also remember that outside of your lovely and safe country there are real issues that people are running for their lives from. People who have never known the safety of free speech, full meals, and good education. And there are softer and kinder ways to process people and make everyone feel like people. They aren't so different from you or me. You can bet that I would jump all fences, swim all waters, and ignore all laws to seek to save the lives of people I love. And you would too. Let's work together to process and listen to and work with all people who seek freedom and peace. If you can do good and minimize trauma, and trust me, we can, it's our duty to do it.



FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

The **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** is joining other groups for a National Day of Action on Saturday, June 30, to oppose President Trump's anti-immigrant agenda.

Our asks are simple:

Reunite Families Now. Permanently end family separation and immediately reunify those that have been separated.

End Family Detention. Children and families deserve due process, not indefinite imprisonment.

End “Zero Tolerance.” Reverse the Trump administration’s policy that created this crisis and chaos to begin with. Parents should not be criminally prosecuted for doing what all parents do, which is bring their children to safety.

Whether by separating and detaining families, cancelling Temporary Protected Status for U.S. residents of countries recovering from disaster, banning people from entering the United States because of their religion, or ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, this Administration is actively working to harm immigrant members of our shared community every day.

The big event will be in Washington, DC, but more than 600 local events are being planned around our nation. In Minnesota, events will be held in Albert Lea, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Duluth, Grand Marais, Grand Rapids, Lanesboro, Mankato, Minneapolis, Rochester, and Virginia. In Minneapolis, gather at 2 p.m. outside the Minneapolis Convention Center and walk about 2 miles through downtown, stopping twice to hear first-hand accounts of the effect of these policies. The event is predicted to last about two hours.

Contact the UUSC at www.uusc.org.



A HOT JUNE NIGHT by Beverly Anderson

Sweat collects on my forehead,
Runs down my nose,
Drips onto my chest.
My clothes
 are as damp
As the night air.
Outside
 June bugs buzz and plop
Onto the porch.
A full moon
 hangs motionless
In the branches
 of a catalpa tree.
Corpse-white blooms
 flavor the night air.
Clouds of mosquitoes
 whine outside my door.
Hungry for blood.
On this Solstice night
The whole world seems poised
To tip into Darkness.