



# Finding UU La Crosse for YOU

## Nurturing spirit

**Sunday Services:** Twice a month our services are led by our minister, Rev. Bruce Johnson. The other Sundays feature speakers on relevant local social topics. Sunday service roles: members and friends plan service themes, act as facilitators, set up coffee and bring treats, count the collection, and greet people.

**Choir and special music** enhances Sunday Services with choir twice a month, piano and soloists throughout the year, organized and led by our Director of Music.

**Youth Religious Education:** Volunteer teachers will be trained to teach or assist with Sunday RE classes, which are held twice a month throughout the year. Sign up for the days you want to cover. All lessons and materials will be provided by our Director of Religious Education.

**Adult Religious Education:** Movie nights at the UU with discussion. Some movies that have been discussed are Harriet and My Sister's Keeper. *Faith Forward* is a program to engage new visitors, members and friends to learn about the Fellowship and Unitarian Universalism. Will meet some Sundays after service.

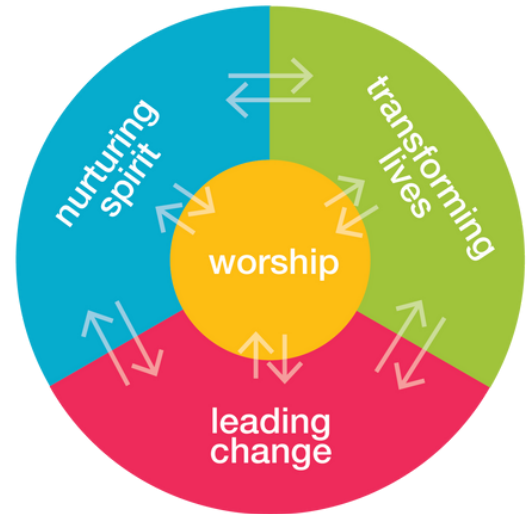
**Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:30 to 12:30 every Sunday so that parents can attend Faith Forward gatherings, join the choir and attend practices, attend Sunday Service, and attend other meetings. We will train paid staff and volunteers to care for our littlest friends during that time.

**Pastoral Care:** Our professional minister and our lay caregivers visit our members, make phone calls, send cards, and provide other acts of care.

## Transforming lives

**Covenant groups** consist of 6-12 people who agree to meet regularly, once or twice a month, for a year to explore their spirituality, beliefs and stories, using discussion guides.

**Stand Up Theology** is a monthly Wednesday night program of "stand-up theology" led by Rev. Bruce Johnson that focuses on some aspect of Unitarian Universalist history, theology and practice. Each session is an hour and a half long, with time for serious conversation and perhaps even a little bit of fun!



**Outdoor group** meets to explore the Coulee Region by foot, bike or paddle. Events are announced in the weekly newsletter.

**Monthly Article Club** is a discussion of selected timely magazine articles on Zoom. Contact Ron Malzer. Dates and topics are announced in the weekly newsletter.

**Book Group** meets monthly to discuss books chosen by the attendees. It's facilitated by Congregational Administrator Heather McCracken.

**All Ages Outings:** Organized by youth Religious Education, these outings emphasize multigenerational outdoor activities. Events are announced in the weekly newsletter.

**Building and Grounds projects:** Members help with landscaping, building upkeep and cleaning while having fun and keeping our space beautiful.

**Annual events:** **Wyalusing Campout** occurs in early summer with guided hikes, structured and unstructured activities at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien. Open to all, participants can reserve a spot in the bunkhouse or bring their own tent or camper, or just come for the day. **Annual Bird Walk and Pancake Breakfast** is in the spring, led by one of our birding experts, followed by pancakes at Myrick Park shelter.

# Leading change

Tabling events: We participate by having a table with information in support of events such as Juneteenth, La Crosse Pride, Folkfest and others.

Voter Engagement Project: The UU building served as a hub for voter registration and education.

Warming Center: UU folks volunteer at the Catholic Charities warming center during winter months.

Kane Street Garden: Members have built accessible raised beds at this large community garden, and continue to volunteer there.

The UU Building itself is available for members to use free of charge with permission from the Congregational Administrator.

Member Initiated Activities in recent years have included a meditation group, a trivia night team, a plant circle, and Circle Suppers.

## Social media presence

Website: [www.uulacrosse.org](http://www.uulacrosse.org)

Facebook page: UU Fellowship of La Crosse

Facebook group: UU La Crosse Members and Friends

Breeze: [uulacrosse.breezechms.com](http://uulacrosse.breezechms.com)



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## Resources that build our faith:

- UU World Magazine
- Weekly e-News
- Touchstones monthly e-magazine

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