

Happy New Year!

Welcome to an abbreviated version of the newsletter this month. With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays and the new year, your newsletter editor missed January all together! Please enjoy this February issue and we'll be back on track for March/April. If you have something to submit, please email it to me at swilliam@uwsp.edu by February 25. —Shannon Williams

February Services

Please visit www.spuuf.org for a list of upcoming services.

Stevens Point Unitarian Universalist *fellowship*

Giving Back to the Larger Community

By Carol Weston, Treasurer

Twice a month, and when there is a fifth Sunday in the month - three times a month, the Fellowship passes the plate for others in the community. Through our Community Collection program, our small Fellowship has found a way to support individuals in need, and other local non-profit organizations whose missions are similar in nature to one of our seven principals. The Social Action Committee, with approval from the board, decides on which organizations to support.

So far this year, the Fellowship has collected for: Empty Bowls Hunger Prevention, Oxford House for Women, Crop Walk, Habitat For Humanity, Family Crisis Center, Interfaith Care Givers, Holiday Basket Program, Operation Bootstrap and Hospice of Portage County. In addition to these local groups, our Fellowship collected for the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) through the Guest At Your Table and the fair share holiday baskets. In all \$956.32 has been collected so far this year for these worthwhile programs/organizations! (A full listing of how much was collected for each organization is posted on our bulletin board in the front reception room.)

There are still more organizations scheduled to receive donations from the Fellowship this fiscal year. So dig deep into your pockets, purses and bags; and give joyfully and generously when it is time to pass the plate during a service!

Upcoming Community Collections:

Feb 13	Alzheimer Society
Feb 27	Interfaith Community for the Earth
Mar 13	Cultural Festival
Mar 27	Meals on Wheels
Apr 10	Child Passenger Safety Assoc.
Apr 17	Midwest Renewable Energy Assoc.
May 8	Boys & Girls Clubs
May 15	Green Circle Trail



Fellowship Involvement Opportunities

**Interfaith Book Club—The next book is “*The Case for God*” by Karen Armstrong. We will meet on Sunday, March 6th at 4:00 PM at Jeannie Tauchman’s house: 11 Ridgewood Drive. NOTICE THE CHANGE IN TIME TO 4:00 – 6:00 PM! Other books we will consider for future meetings are:

“*American Veda*” by Phillip Goldbergh
“*Buddhism Without Beliefs*” by Stephen Batchelor
“*Reinventing The Sacred*” by Stuart Kauffman
“*Hinduism A Very Short Introduction*” by Kim Knott

Please review the descriptions/reviews of these books to help decide what book to read next! For more information, contact Debbie Ayers at djayers54@gmail.com or 715-341-6366.

**A building clean up day is scheduled for February 6 following the service. If you can, please stick around and help us clean!

**A New Member Welcoming Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 13th. If anyone has been considering joining the fellowship, call or email Carol Weston 715-345-1735 / cweston@charter.net to set up a meeting time to discuss joining.

**The new RE curriculum is called “Keeper of the Earth”. Teachers are needed, so please consider doing a lesson for the kids this semester. Contact Dorothy Ginnett for the needed dates. 715-341-6318 / dginnett@charter.net

**The Service Committee is looking for a SPUUF member or friend to give the presentation/topic at the March 20 service. If you’re interested, please contact Shannon at swilliam@uwsp.edu.

STEVENS POINT
UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP



Services are held at the Stevens Point Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, located at 3116 Algoma Street, Stevens Point, 54481. Services begin at 10:00 a.m.

Child care and Religious Exploration classes for children are available.

Visit www.spuuf.org for more information.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

3116 Algoma St.
P.O. Box 361
Stevens Point, WI 54481
www.spuuf.org



The Uncommon Denomination