



August Calendar



As the coronavirus continues, we must continue services via ZOOM. Services will begin at 10:00 and last for one hour. The on-line "room" will open at around 9:45 for people to get logged in and greet each other before the actual service starts. The links for each service will be sent by e-mail on Friday or Saturday each week. If you need help in using ZOOM, call or e-mail Ken Hood (kchood@gmail.com, 715-475-8963).

Date	Time	Program	Presenter/facilitator
August 2	10:00	Support your Local Farmers and Agriculture	Linda Thompson
August 9	10:00	Dirt	Kent Shifferd
August 16	10:00	Kindness in Our Time	Susan O'Leary
August 23	10:00	Questions of Pride	Brian Rude
August 30	10:00	Re-committing to Our Mission	All

Susan O'Leary was in the first group of women to be admitted to Yale University as undergraduates. After completing her degree, Susan returned to the Midwest to earn a Ph.D in French at the UW in Madison, where she & her husband continue to make their home. She is the author of several books, the most recent "Delight in 1000 Characters," co-authored with calligrapher and Buddhist scholar, Kazuaki Tanahashi. Susan has been a member of Madison's SnowFlower Buddhist Sangha, which practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, for over twenty-five years.

Good things are coming to BHUU in August! Two projects to strengthen our fellowship!

Starting at the end of the month, we'll be focusing on rethinking our mission and goals. Earlier this year, some of our members participated in a series of webinars given by the UUA to help small congregations like ours build on their unique strengths. Now it's time for us to discuss these ideas among ourselves and set some priorities for our fellowship. So on August 30, we'll start our weekly service with our usual chalice lighting, but then we'll divide into small groups (yes, we can do this on Zoom!) and develop answers to these questions:

- What three or four basic values should be reflected in all our activities?
- What difference do we want to make in the world?
- What specific ends do we want to reach?
- What projects would move us toward these ends?

We'll then reassemble in our larger group to conclude the service. On the following week, we'll hear from all the small groups and continue working together toward establishing a direction and activities for BHUU in the coming year. **This work will provide the basis for what committees/action groups we need.** Remember, every voice is important!

Ok, that's our first big initiative.

Now for the second one. Meeting on Zoom does have limitations, but it also opens up new possibilities. We are now freed from the limitations of time and space! That is, we no longer have to confine our meetings to a building on W. Messenger St. at 10 a.m. on Sunday. So give some thought to what else you might like BHUU to add to your life. A meditation group? A yoga class? A story telling circle? For instance, we might set up a group to discuss *White Fragility* and possibly other books about racism. Please send your suggestions by email to the current program committee: Pat Shifferd (patriciashifferd@gmail.com) and Judy Barisonzi (judith.barisonzi@gmail.com). We'll then draw up a list of proposed groups and help them get started. We can hardly wait to get started, so **send your proposals to Pat and Judy by AUGUST 8.** We're excited to think about all the new things we can be doing, new ways we can be learning, and new opportunities to build our fellowship.

We can't be together physically, but we certainly can support each other and continue to grow spiritually and in our commitment to our mission.

