

DAILY MUSE

Midwest Unitarian Universalist
Summer Assembly
Wednesday,
June 8 2026



DAILY

CLICK HERE FOR DAILY MUSE

MUUSA is committed to practices that are in keeping with our UU values. To that end, we will no longer be printing the daily Muse at camp. Campers can go to this link to access the Muse. The newest edition of the Muse can be accessed at 5:00 PM each day.

CLICK HERE FOR DAILY SCHEDULES

Daily Schedules live on the MUUSA website. There will also be paper copies available at check-in.

WELCOME TO MUUSA!

We are so glad to see you all here in our new home! The Muse is your source of daily information and events throughout camp.

QUESTION OF THE DAY

DID YOU HAVE ANY PRE-CONCEIVED NOTIONS ABOUT MUUSA BEFORE YOU CAME TO CAMP? OR DID YOU ALWAYS HAVE A MUUSA IN YOUR LIFE?



THEME



REV. SUZELLE LYNCH

2026 THEME - "HEARTS WIDE OPEN" MUUSA WELCOMES 2026 THEME SPEAKER REVEREND SUZELLE LYNCH (SHE/HER)!

"The times we're living in are frightening and disturbing, to say the least. Working to preserve our democracy, protecting our vulnerable friends and neighbors, and resisting tyranny while doing our best to take care of ourselves... It's a lot! It's easy to go numb. A good antidote? Hearts Wide Open! Practicing vulnerability, playfulness, empathy and joy helps us renew ourselves and build strong and resilient communities."

WELCOME TO CAMP!

ARTISTS AND AUTHORS FAIR

The Art Fair is tonight (Wednesday) from 6-9pm in the Heritage Dining Room, adjacent to the main dining hall in Pickard Commons. Fourteen artists will be sharing their creativity for all MUUSAns to enjoy! Some examples below.



SUGGESTION BOX

Have a great idea for MUUSA 2027? Scan this link:

SPACES FOR GATHERING

Spaces available for impromptu gatherings are listed in the schedules you received at check in, simply sign up outside the room!

If you'd like to share your workshop or gathering with the wider camp community, send the details to Cait (caitlinwarnero@gmail.com) for publication in the MUSE.

DORM QUIET HOURS

We ask all campers in the dorms to observe quiet hours from 10pm to 8am. Please be aware that other campers may want to go to sleep earlier (or later) than you!



COFFEE!

Coffee...Coffee...Coffee...

The College has a coffeeshop that will be open daily at our request from 6 am - 11 am where you can purchase specialty coffee drinks. Need a pick me up outside of the dining hall hours? Head to the lower level of Pickard Hall before breakfast opens or between breakfast and lunch.

PUZZLES!!!

Stop by B18 to grab a puzzle to take home

HATE FEES?

Please make sure you hold onto those room keys and cards; there is a \$35 fee per lost key or card if they are lost.

COMMUNICATION

Sign up for GroupMe to get camp announcements!

https://groupme.com/join_group/115682098/f7KCgPjI



WELCOME TO CAMP!

RIPON CAMPUS POLICIES/RULES

For further information regarding MUUSA policies and procedures, please see: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w6TGvxreP6cBXrwTo_oqWOKag5slwifx?usp=sharing

SHARED CAMPUS

MUUSA does not have exclusive use of the Ripon College campus this week. A small group of students and counselors with TRIO Upward Bound will be here as well, something to be mindful of as we move through the week.

RIPON ACTIVITIES

- Willmore Center is the athletic complex that has lots of weights, a pool, pickle ball courts, and workout equipment. It is open from 5am-9pm each day, with community pool hours from 6-8am, 11am-1pm, and 6-8pm. MUUSA has exclusive use of the pool from 3-5pm each weekday. Campers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please see below about access.
- Game/Puzzle room will be B18 in the Pickard Commons
- Crafting Room will be in B18 in the Commons

Click here to view the Campus Map

HUNGRY?

	MEAL TIMES
Breakfast	7-9AM
Lunch	11AM-1PM
Dinner	5-7PM

Meals are in the Dining Hall in Pickard Commons.

We have reserved a private dining room that holds 12 people. This will be designated as a quiet dining room.

Many people benefit from a space with reduced noise and movement to give their senses a break during the day. Please maintain minimal/quiet talking for anyone who might need a calm place to eat a meal.

HAVE A QUESTION AT CAMP?

Look around for a camper wearing a red fabric scarf and they can probably help you figure it out. These are your Planning Council members and helped make camp possible. The scarves were made by previous camper Sally Burke to be used in our new location. Thanks Sally!

WANT TO USE WILLMORE CENTER?

Remember, all campers who plan to use the Willmore Center must complete a waiver before accessing the facility.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10fJqmuzXqQ7tKcZg0fnetE0c6Cgdiw6Q/view?usp=drive_link

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service tonight (Wednesday) at 7PM. We will gather in the Spot to remember former campers who have died in the last year.

We will remember:

- Vic Pagliosoti
- A.J. McFarland
- John General Gettys
- Bill Decker
- Meg Barnhouse

We will also make time to remember loved ones in our own lives who have passed.



MUUSA 2026 PHOTO ALBUM

Any pictures taken during the week can be added to the Google Photo Album and will be used for the slideshow at the Closing Celebration.

Click here for the MUUSA 2026 Google Photo Album

COFFEE HOUSE PERFORMANCES

To perform at Coffee House, contact Meredith Enersen at meremaren@gmail.com or by text at (402) 570- 4780. Inter generational coffee house is tonight, and Raunch Night is Thursday.

LOCATION CHANGES

The Great Hall and MLK Lounge are not available to MUUSA from noon Tuesday through the end of Wednesday evening.

A NOTE FROM THE CAMP JESTER

Our jester, Miles, is up to 16 glasses of milk since arriving at Ripon! Think you can compete?

STICKER LOVERS

Sticker trade will be available through lunch Thursday outside the dining hall! You don't need your own stickers but are welcome to donate!

ACCOMPANISTS STILL NEEDED!

Are you looking for someone to accompany you during Coffeeshouse? Are you willing to accompany someone else (piano, guitar, or other)? Sign-up [here](#) and join in the fun!

MEYER UPDATE

Feeling rejuvenated after spa night. Too bad- Spiders Leroy is here, and he's not happy!

HAVE INATURALIST?

Eve Cusack has created two projects for campers to log their finds during camp. They are called Ceresco Prairie, Ripon College and Ceresco Prairie Bioblitz - MUUSA.

DO YOU HAVE MUSINGS?

During camp, we will be taking submissions for the daily MUSE. Just email photos and news by 10:00 AM every day to Cait Warner at caitlinwarnero@gmail.com.

Also remember to add photos to the [MUUSA photo album](#) to be used in the MUSE!

WEEKLY MORNING CELEBRATION THEMES

Thursday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO BODY WISDOM
Friday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO MYSTERY

PUN-OFF

The annual pun-off will be Thursday evening at 7:45! Sign up outside the dining hall to compete. There will be a pre-pun off meeting for all contestants at 1PM Thursday at the lounge next to the Starbucks.

NEED HELP?

Campus Facilities issues - (can't find a location, lost key, locked out, something not working, etc.) Call (920) 748-8703 (daytime) or (920) 896-1904 (overnight)

Injuries and illnesses - First aid kits will be located in lounge areas of all dorm buildings, as well as in the Great Hall. Please help yourself to what you need. If you need to seek medical help, here is a link to a list of resources in the Ripon area: <https://ripon.edu/student-life/campus-services/health-services/>

Contact the Omsbuddy, Chris Cooper if you need assistance obtaining medical care, call or text (630) 551-8049.

Other Concerns - If you don't know where to turn for help, call or text the Omsbuddy at (630) 551-8049. If your need is not urgent, you can also email her at Omsbuddy@gmail.com. Chris will check her email in the morning and evening each day.

Having difficulty accessing any of our links to online information this week? Text Margaret Fowler at (630) 853-3313 and she will make sure you get access.

MORE CAMP INFO

MUUSA GENERAL DAILY SCHEDULE (M-F)

Morning Activities

6:30-7:15 *Early Morning Events*- Various locations
7:00-9:00 *Breakfast*- Dining Hall (S.N. Pickard Commons)
8:45-9:45 *Morning Celebration*- Great Hall M, T, Th, F
(Harwood Memorial Union)

***** **Wednesday- Demmer Auditorium (CJ Rodman Center for the Arts)*******

10:00-11:50 *Morning Workshops*- Various Locations

Afternoon Activities

11:00-1:00 *Lunch*- Dining Hall (S.N. Pickard Commons)
1:45-3:35 *Afternoon Workshops*- Various Locations
4:00-5:15 *Late Afternoon Workshops*- Various Locations

Evening Activities

5:00-7:00 *Dinner*- Dining Hall (S.N. Pickard Commons)
5:45-6:45 *Dinner Discussions*- Private Dining Rooms (S.N. Pickard Commons)
7:00-9:00 *Evening Programming* - Various locations
9:00-10:30- *Coffee House*- Great Hall M,Th, F, The Spot T, W (Harwood Memorial Union)

All Day Events

Puzzle and Game Room- B18 (Lower Level Harwood Memorial Union)
Crafting Room- B18 (Lower Level Harwood Memorial Union)
Labyrinth- MUUSA Central
Social Lounge- MLK Lounge (Harwood Memorial Union)-
Not available on Tuesday/Wednesday

APC NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee nominates the following campers for election to the Adult Program Committee:
Amy Miller
Valerie Palacios

MUUSA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MUUSA Annual Meeting Agenda

July 9, 2026

Jane McLeod, President

1. Welcome, chalice lighting, and review of agenda
2. Approval of minutes from the July 2025 annual meeting
3. Motion to allow the Planning Council to approve the minutes from the July 2026 annual meeting at a future Planning Council meeting
4. Registrar Report: Cheryl Heinz
 - a. Attendees
 - b. Top attending churches
5. Treasurer's Report: Gregory Redfeairn
 - a. Review of the 2024-25 Financial Report
 - b. Scholarship fund and the scholarship fund balance
 - c. Financial status
6. Proposed Bylaws Revisions: Jane McLeod
7. APC Elections: Nominations Committee (Will VanDyke, Tom Robertson, Meredith Enersen)
 - a. Announcement of slate
 - b. Nominations from the floor
 - c. Motion to approve election slate
8. Announcement of incoming appointed Planning Council members
9. Introduction of incoming YA Representative
10. Introduction of incoming Burt Representatives
11. Questions from the floor

MUUSA ANNUAL MEETING

The MUUSA annual business meeting will be held on Thursday at 4pm in The Great Hall. We will share information about this year's registration and budget numbers and will hold elections for new members of the Adult Program Committee. We will also consider changes to our Bylaws that revise our organizational structure. You can find an annotated copy of the Bylaws below. Please plan to join us!

[Bylaw Changes Here](#)



GETTING AROUND

This is our first year on a new campus, so we will all be learning how to navigate together. [Ripon college has an interactive map on their website](#), which should be a very helpful resource. Common buildings we are using are also listed here (correlated to the number above and on the Ripon map, not exhaustive):



2/3/4: Harwood Memorial Union, The Great Hall (Morning Celebration, Workshops and Evening activities), The Spot (Karaoke, Coffee House some nights), Amazon lockers, MLK Lounge, Puzzle and Game rooms

5: Franzen Science Center, Workshops

6: Todd Wehr, Children's Programming, Circus Workshop, Improv Workshop

11: Pickard Hall (The Commons), Dining Hall, Heritage, Pickard and Mihaly private dining rooms, lunch and dinner discussions, Sensory Dining room, and coffee spot!

14: Johnson Hall, Meyer and Burt dorm building

15: Scott Hall, adult and family dorm building

16 & 18: Mapes and Anderson halls, respectively. Together with two other dorms known as the Quad, YA dorms this year

19: The Terrace, Lower level of Bovay Dorms

(To the left of 19 above, 22 on the campus map): Demmer Auditorium, Located in the Rodman Center. Morning Celebration will be held here on Wednesday morning

(To the left of 19 above, 24 on campus map): Willmore Center, Athletic complex on campus. Contra Dance (Tuesday and Wednesday only), Pickleball, General workout facilities, Pool. A waiver will be required before you will be allowed to use the facility.

★ : MUUSA Central, Green Space between Harwood Memorial Union and S. N. Pickard Commons, Fire Pit. Volleyball, Geneva Square, Labyrinth, general socializing

If you are ever lost during camp, feel free to ask your fellow campers for help!