

★ **DAILY** ★  
**MUSE**

Midwest Unitarian Universalist

Summer Assembly

Tuesday, July 7

2026



**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**

**WHAT IS AN INCORRECT ASSUMPTION YOU MADE ABOUT THE WORLD WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER? EX: ADULTS KNOW EVERYTHING**

**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.*

**THEME**

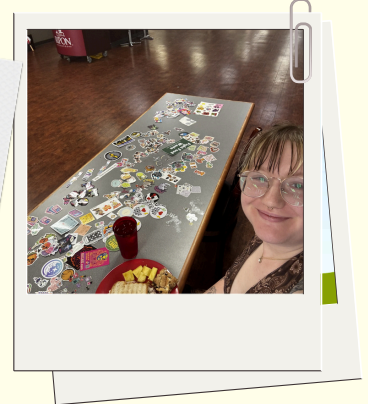
**2026 THEME - "HEARTS WIDE OPEN"**

**MUUSA WELCOMES 2026 THEME SPEAKER REVEREND SUZELLE LYNCH (SHE/HER)!**



REV. SUZELLE LYNCH

*"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."*



## ARTISTS AND AUTHORS FAIR

The Art Fair is 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!

## SUGGESTION BOX

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



WELCOME TO CAMP!

## SPACES FOR GATHERING

Need a space for an impromptu workshop, porch party, or other social gathering during camp? Community spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Simply sign up on the schedule posted outside the room you wish to use. A list of available spaces can be found in the schedule you received at check-in.

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!

## BURT PARENTS

Parent Ice Cream Social: 7pm, Middle Scott 1<sup>st</sup> floor Lounge

## 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 if they are lost.

## COMMUNICATION

Sign up for group me to get camp announcements! [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/115682098/f7KCgPjI](https://groupme.com/join_group/115682098/f7KCgPjI)



## RIPON CAMPUS POLICIES/RULES

For the health and safety of our intergenerational community, please be aware of the following:

- There is no smoking or use of vaping devices permitted anywhere on campus.
- Alcohol is permitted for adults 21 and over only in private rooms or designated MUUSA meeting rooms/spaces
- Neither recreational nor medical marijuana has been legalized in the state of Wisconsin. MUUSA policy prohibits use of marijuana or other illegal drugs while attending camp.
- Neither MUUSA nor Ripon College provide medical first responders in the case of an injury or illness. Basic first aid supplies will be available to campers in the dorm buildings. If needed, medical care is readily available in the city of Ripon.

For further information regarding MUUSA policies and procedures, please see: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w6TGvxreP6cBXrwTo\\_oqWOkag5sliwfx?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w6TGvxreP6cBXrwTo_oqWOkag5sliwfx?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 the MLK Lounge in the Harwood Memorial Union

Click here to view the Campus Map

### WANT TO USE WILLMORE CENTER?

All campers who plan to use the Willmore Center must complete a waiver before accessing the facility. The Willmore Center is Ripon College's athletic complex and includes the pool, fitness facilities, and several workshop spaces.

You are welcome to print and complete the waiver before arriving at camp using the link below. Waivers will also be available at the Willmore Center for those who prefer to complete one on site.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10fJqmuzXqQ7tKcZg0fnetE0c6Cgdiw6Q/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10fJqmuzXqQ7tKcZg0fnetE0c6Cgdiw6Q/view?usp=drive_link)



### 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.

### HOW CAN I GET AROUND AT CAMP?

The parking lots on campus are all available for us to use. There will not be a shuttle or golf carts this year.

### 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.

## PUZZLE AND BOOK EXCHANGE

We will be having a puzzle and book exchange at camp this year.

- Bring puzzles and books that you no longer want. Try to be fairly certain that the puzzles contain all their pieces
- Drop off puzzles and books in the tubs at registration
- Books and puzzles will be available all week in room B18 in the Pickard Commons starting on Monday morning
- If you brought a donation, see if there is anything that you would like to take home with you. If you were not able to bring anything but would like some items, you can make a donation to the MUUSA scholarship fund



## 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.

It is a MUUSA tradition to take a selfie of yourself or your travel group as you depart for MUUSA!

Click here for the MUUSA 2026 Google Photo Album

## 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!

## 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](mailto:Omsbuddy@gmail.com). Chris will check her email in the morning and evening each day.

## CONTRADANCE

Contradance 7:45 pm in the Wilmore Center 214.

## ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED!

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

## MEYER UPDATE

Find a spider pick it up, all day long you'll have good luck; give it to a Meyer friend, the week of fun will never end!

## 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](mailto:caitlinwarnero@gmail.com).

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

# 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

## COFFEE HOUSE PERFORMANCES

Come and share your talent on the stage at Coffee House! Coffee House is each night from 9-10:30 in the Great Hall except for Tuesday and Wednesday it will be in The Spot. On Wednesday it starts at 7:45 for intergen. Everyone is welcome to perform! Raunch night is on Thursday, and the Smash Bros Tournament will be Friday!

If you would like to perform, please contact Meredith Enersen at [meremaren@gmail.com](mailto:meremaren@gmail.com) or by text at (402) 570- 4780

## INTERGEN CONTRA DANCE!

Come this evening to the all-camp contra dance in the Willmore Center which is on the opposite side of campus from where Morning Celebration takes place. You can get there by foot (about 10-15 minutes from the Commons) by taking the path that runs along just south of the cemetery. Take it past the stadium, across the street and then left of the Center of the Arts. Or you can drive west on Thorne Street which goes past Johnson Hall, Scott Hall and Mapes Hall. Turn right on Union Street and then left into the parking lots. The dance is at 7:45 tonight(Tuesday). There will be some fun Techno-Contra dancing and it's for all ages and you don't need a partner.

## WEEKLY MORNING CELEBRATION THEMES...

Tuesday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO JOURNEYING  
Wednesday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO WHOLENESS  
Thursday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO BODY WISDOM  
Friday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO MYSTERY

## KUDOS CORNER

Thank you to Adrian, Beckett, and Miles for their help unloading and moving Stephanie Robertson's art supplies on Sunday night!

# MORE CAMP INFO

## 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

## LOCATION CHANGES

The Great Hall and MLK Lounge are not available to MUUSA from noon Tuesday through the end of Wednesday evening. The following events have been moved to new locations for these two days:

- Wednesday's morning celebration and all awesome choir activities will be held in Demmler Auditorium in the Rodman Center. The Rodman Center is located next to the Wilmore Athletic Center; parking is available.
- Tonight's intergenerational contra dance will be held in Willmore Studio 214 as will today's (Tuesday's) and tomorrow's (Wednesday's) contra dance workshops.
- The Last Resort String Band will meet in The Spot Tuesday and Wednesday (4-5:15pm).

## 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](#)

## SPECIAL NOTE FOR NOLA CUSACK

Tomorrow is Nola Cusack's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday! Please send him your best wishes if you see him!



## HAVE INATURALIST?

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



## 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!