

# DAILY MUSE

Midwest Unitarian Universalist  
Summer Assembly

Thursday,  
July 9 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

IF YOU COULD INSTANTLY  
MASTER ANY ONE SKILL  
WITHOUT HAVING TO  
PRACTICE, WHAT WOULD  
YOU CHOOSE?

## 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



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!

### BURT UPDATE

Vespers at 7pm Thursday

### MEYER UPDATE

Find the key crack the code!

### 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.

### PUZZLES!!!

Stop by B18 to grab a puzzle to take home

### MINIONS AND MONSTERS VIEWING

There will be a contingent of MUUSAns going to the downtown one screen theater tonight (Thursday) at 7PM! See Marcus Theatres (Campus Cinema location) for details, they will be showing the Minions and Monsters (Rated PG) movie.

### 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. If both physical keys for a room are lost it will be \$75 as the door will need to be rekeyed.

Anything broken or missing when camp wraps up will be a separate charge.

All rooms in the dorms/lobbies that are not put back in place will be a \$25 fee each.

Any missing linens will be a separate charge.



### 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.



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## RIPON CAMPUS POLICIES/RULES

For further information regarding MUUSA policies and procedures, please see: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w6TGvxreP6cBXrwTo\\_oqWOKag5slwifx?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w6TGvxreP6cBXrwTo_oqWOKag5slwifx?usp=sharing)

## ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The Bylaw changes have passed!  
Burt has elected two new representatives for the next year:

Wesley Debbink  
Clark Suter

APC has elected two new representatives for next year:

Amy Miller  
Valerie Palacios

## RIPON ACTIVITIES

- Reminder, Willmore Center 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.
- 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

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



## MUUSA 2026 PHOTO ALBUM

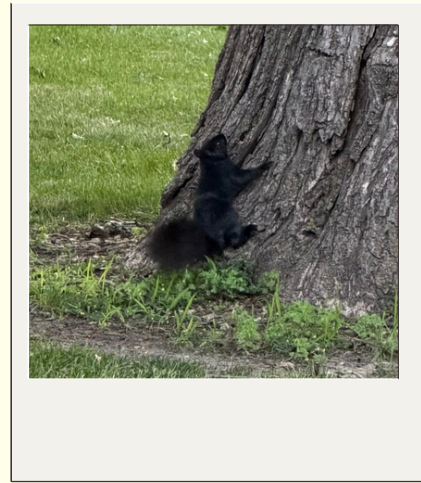
Any pictures taken during the week can be added to the Google Photo Album and will be used for the slideshow at the Closing Celebration.

Click here for the MUUSA 2026 Google Photo Album

## HUNGRY?

This black squirrel was spotted on the large Catalpa tree right across from the Memorial Union parking lot by Eve and Sam Cusack.

Black coloration is typically a pigment variant of a gray squirrel and is found in about one of 10,000 individuals.



## 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!

## COFFEE HOUSE PERFORMANCES

To perform at Coffee House, contact Meredith Enersen at [meremaren@gmail.com](mailto:meremaren@gmail.com) or by text at (402) 570- 4780. Raunch Night is Thursday, Adults only after 9:30pm.

## MORNING CELEBRATION THEMES

Friday: Hearts Wide Open: OPEN TO MYSTERY

## 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 (Harwood Memorial Union)
- 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 Th, F

### 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)

## PUN-OFF

The annual pun-off will be this (Thursday) evening at 7:45!

## YA PROCH PARTY

The YA Proch Party has been rescheduled to Friday 3-5PM in Anderson Hall. Stop by for refreshments and secrets!

## 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.

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.

## ACCOMPANISTS STILL 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!

## 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!



## 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!