

★ **DAILY** ★  
**MUSE**

Midwest Unitarian Universalist

Summer Assembly

Sunday, July 5

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 ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR CAMP?**

**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.*

★ **CHECK-IN** ★

**Head to the MLK lounge outside the great hall. Look for the signs!**

**THEME**



REV. SUZELLE LYNCH

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

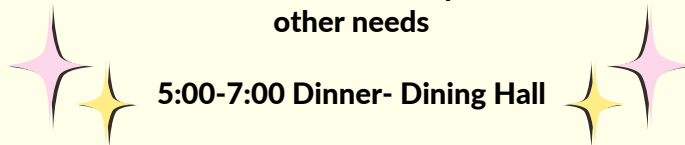
*"The times we're living in are frightening and disturbing, to say the least. Working to preserve our democracy, protecting our vulnerable friends and neighbors, and resisting tyranny while doing our best to take care of ourselves... It's a lot! It's easy to go numb. A good antidote? Hearts Wide Open!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

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**2:00-5:00** Check In- Great Hall/MLK Lounge (Harwood Memorial Union)

After checking in, get settled in your dorm, explore campus, socialize at the fire circle, or head to B18 and visit the puzzle and game room.

**4:30 - Dining Hall - Dining room staff will be available for anyone to discuss food allergies, intolerances, or other needs**



**5:00-7:00 Dinner- Dining Hall**

**6:00-** Parent/Sponsor meeting for Middle School Program (Meyer)-Todd Wehr 107

**6:30-** Parent meeting for Nursery, Preschool and Elementary-Todd Wehr 104

- **6:45-7:15**, MLK Lounge: Workshop Leaders' Meeting - all leaders of workshops should attend. If you can't be there in time, please text Natasha at 520-440-7306. If you have to be at one of the parent meetings during that time, come for the part of the workshop leader's meeting that doesn't conflict with your parent meeting.

**7:00-** Parent meeting for High School Program (Burt)- Todd Wehr 108

**7:45-** Opening Celebration- Great Hall (Harwood Memorial Union)

**8:45-10:00** Welcome Party-Great Hall (Harwood Memorial Union)

## 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.

## WORLD CUP! (TV ACCESS)

The TVs in the resident halls do not have cable, but will have HDMI cables. Campers are welcome to bring their own device to stream the soccer games! (Or other entertainment)

## LAWN CHAIRS

Want to sit by the fire circle? We will provide some lawn chairs but we ask campers to bring their own if able!

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Meyer and Burt Youth (7th grade and above) should check-in before dropping off gear in the dorms. Programming does not start until after the Opening Celebration, so youth should stay with and under the care of their parents/sponsors until then.

## COMMUNICATION

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

## YOUNG ADULTS

An email was sent out to all registered young adults, as well as posted in the YA Discord. If you have any questions, please contact Lou Whiting, [louwhitingart@gmail.com](mailto:louwhitingart@gmail.com) and (617) 433-7018 or Delia Lonroth, [lonrothdelia@gmail.com](mailto:lonrothdelia@gmail.com)!

## 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 check-in and 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 blue 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.

## AMAZON LOCKERS

There are Amazon lockers on campus if you need to have anything delivered. You can go here <https://www.amazon.com/ulp> and put Ripon, WI in the address search, and the details will come up. You will be able to add the locker as a shipping address in your amazon account.

## 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!

## 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!

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

## SMASH BROS TO COME...

Keep an eye out at coffee house, as the annual Smash Bros tournament may return...  
*"The forecast later this week calls for a 100% chance of glory"* -Grant Lyon

## 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](#)

# FRIENDS OF ROGER EASLEY

Hello MUUSA Family,

I would like to share, with great sadness, this message I received from Daniel Easley. The Easley's are long-time MUUSA campers. Roger has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. We all know Roger as our resident photographer and videographer, always with a ready smile, whether rocking babies, or catching a candid that embodies who we are as a UU camp. Roger, Diane, Daniel, and Michelle won't be at MUUSA this year. Daniel's words share so much about the love and connection to our Midwest UU community. Please keep them in your thoughts. The family may not be able to respond at this time, but please send Roger and family messages of love and anything else you would like.

Here is Daniel's message to me:

*Hello, Karen! I hope you and your family have been doing well. I wanted to share with you a story about a tie I wore to a wedding last weekend. The bride's favorite color is orange, so I wanted to specifically wear an orange tie. I did not own an orange tie myself, so I looked through my dad's closet and picked out the most orange tie I could find. It had fluid watercolor brushstrokes that appeared like autumnal trees running up and down the tie. Later that day, I mentioned to my dad that I had picked out that specific tie. He then told me that YOU had painted that particular tie, AND it was based on a photo that my dad had captured. I found that tremendously special, and I was able to share that detail with many of the guests at the wedding. What made my accessory choice feel more meaningful is that my father is not doing well.*

*To be succinct, he has just been diagnosed with a brain tumor. He is declining rapidly. The mass in his frontal lobe affects things like his mood, cognition, and some motor stuff. He struggles with many everyday tasks. He is getting expert care from the Department of Neurosurgery at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA.*

*My family will not be at MUUSA this year as we try to get Roger the best support we can. Please keep Roger in your thoughts. My mom is devastated, and of course I am devastated too. I am reaching out to you specifically because I wanted to share how you unknowingly played a role in my sartorial tribute to my dad. The tie is so beautiful, and it was a nice way to honor my dad and my UU community, while celebrating the new family that my two friends are establishing.*

*If you are going to MUUSA next week, I want to enlist you to tell campers about Roger's current condition. I hope that some positive thoughts from the MUUSA faith community will be meaningful for my dad. I am so thankful that my dad brought my family to LGSA and then to MUUSA, and I am so thankful for all of my camp memories. My dad is a lucky man to be beloved by so many people, so I wanted to connect with some of his camp friends so they can send their love from the Midwest. He has difficulty typing and using technology, but I can relay a message directly to him.*



*Daniel Easley in an orange tie painted by Karen Peck based on one of Roger's many wonderful photographs.*



*The Easley's on Father's Day 2026*

Daniel shares his love with all of us. Please, if you are so moved, share your stories and memories with Roger, Diane, Daniel, and Michelle at [daniel.e.easley@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.e.easley@gmail.com) or on Facebook Messenger. We love you, Easleys!

-Karen Peck



## 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) rooms B12 and B18, 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!