

**UUFNW & FUSW Youth & Adult
UU Values & Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Learning & Service Schedule 2018-2019**

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DATE	LOCATION	LEARNING SESSIONS & WORSHIP
August 19	Mt. Kisco	*12:00-1:15pm Youth & Parents, Adult Participants - Each person committing to the week in Pine Ridge Reservation, SD brings \$183 deposit check - Expenses for the NY day of service, if any, tba - Fundraising discussion - Discussion about parent roles
October 14	Hastings	*11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Discuss summer reading, group covenant, schedule overview, NY & SD service trips overview
October 21	Mt. Kisco	*11:30am Community lunch at Mt. Kisco (fundraiser) *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Our stories - diversity, biases, racism, privilege [Guest speaker, Maureen Hunter]
November 11	Mt. Kisco	*11:30am Community lunch at Mt. Kisco (fundraiser) *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Discuss museum visit & How colonialism became institutionalized racism [Rev. Michael]
November 18	Hastings	*11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Our UU values in the context of indigenous rights historically [Guest speaker, Terri Pahucki]
January 6	Hastings	*11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Indigenous peoples of NE, singing and drumming [Guest speaker, Strong Oak]
January 13	Mt.Kisco	*11:30am Community lunch at Mt. Kisco (fundraiser) *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Cross-cultural engagement, misappropriation of indigenous culture. Video to watch before the session: " White Shamans & Plastic Medicine Men " (25 mins). [Guest speaker, Maureen Hunter]
Saturday February 2	Hastings	*10:00am Youth pulpit practice for Hastings worship service
February 3	Hastings	*10:30am Youth-led worship at Hastings *11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship (youth-led?) *1:00pm Learning session: Indigenous peoples of NY [Rev. Michael]

February 10	Mt. Kisco	*11:30am Community lunch at Mt. Kisco (fundraiser) *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Oglala Lakota People, Pine Ridge Reservation, SD [Guest speaker, Karen Johnson]
March 3	Hastings	*11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Documentary/film tba
March 10	Mt. Kisco	*11:30am Community lunch at Mt. Kisco (fundraiser) *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm Learning session: Addressing systemic injustice, engaging in service, lessons learned, service planning
<i>March 17</i>	<i>tba</i>	<i>Please hold as a winter weather make-up date</i>
*March 30	Pequot Museum Mashantucket, CT	Museum visit: indigenous culture and peoples www.pequotmuseum.org
April 7	Hastings	*11:30am Stone Soup Potluck lunch at Hastings *12:30pm All ages/family worship *1:00pm NY and SD service planning
April 13-20	NY or SD	Optional Service Trips *April 13-19/20 Pine Ridge Reservation, SD service trip *Date tbd for the NY day of service
Friday April 26	Mt. Kisco	*7:00pm Pizza party and debrief NY and SD service trips
April 28	Mt. Kisco	*12:00pm Youth worship planning for May 19th worship service
May 12	Mt. Kisco	*12:00pm Youth worship planning for May 19th worship service
Saturday May 18	Mt. Kisco	*10:00am Youth pulpit practice for Mt. Kisco worship service
May 19	Mt. Kisco	*10:30am Youth-led worship at Mt. Kisco

Notes:

- All sessions are open to youth and adults.
- Hastings Stone Soup Potluck lunches: October 14, November 18, January 6, February 3, March 3 and April 7.
- Mt. Kisco community lunches will be fundraisers benefiting the indigenous populations we will serve: October 21, November 11, January 13, February 10 and March 10.

***New on this update:**

- **Video to watch before the session on January 13th**
- **Rescheduled visit to the Pequot Museum - now March 30th**

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Recommended Reading (pick one, a couple or all...)

[*The Lakota Way*](#) by Joseph M. Marshall III. Rich with storytelling, history, and folklore, *The Lakota Way* expresses the heart of Native American philosophy and reveals the path to a fulfilling and meaningful life. Joseph Marshall is a member of the Sicunga Lakota Sioux and has dedicated his entire life to the wisdom he learned from his elders. Here he focuses on the twelve core qualities that are crucial to the Lakota way of life--bravery, fortitude, generosity, wisdom, respect, honor, perseverance, love, humility, sacrifice, truth, and compassion. Whether teaching a lesson on respect imparted by the mythical Deer Woman or the humility embodied by the legendary Lakota leader Crazy Horse, *The Lakota Way* offers a fresh outlook on spirituality and ethical living.

- We encourage everyone to read this book.

[*The Earth Shall Weep: A History of Native America*](#) by James Wilson: A history of North American Indigenous peoples, written from their perspective. It provides great insight into the effect of the European invasion of the Americas. Combining traditional historical sources with new insights from ethnography, archaeology, Indian oral tradition, and years of his original research, James Wilson weaves a historical narrative that puts Native Americans at the center of their struggle for survival against the tide of invading European peoples and cultures. *The Earth Shall Weep* charts the collision course between Euro-Americans and the indigenous people of the continent, from the early interactions at English settlements on the Atlantic coast, through successive centuries of encroachment and outright warfare, to the new political force of the Native American activists of today. It is a clash that would ultimately result in the reduction of the Native American population from an estimated seven to ten million to 250,000 over a span of four hundred years, and change the face of the continent forever. A tour de force of narrative history, *The Earth Shall Weep* is a powerful, moving telling of the story of Native Americans

[*Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*](#) by Dee Brown: Classic, eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of the American Indian during the second half of the nineteenth century. Using council records, autobiographies, and firsthand descriptions, Brown allows great chiefs and warriors of the Dakota, Ute, Sioux, Cheyenne, and other tribes to tell us in their own words of the series of battles, massacres, and broken treaties that finally left them and their people demoralized and decimated. A unique and disturbing narrative told with force and clarity, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* changed forever our vision of how the West was won, and lost. It tells a story that should not be forgotten, and so must be retold from time to time.

- We will have the opportunity to watch the film based on this book.
- The group that travels to Pine Ridge Reservation, SD will visit Wounded Knee.

[*Lakota Woman*](#) by Mary Crow Dog: Mary Brave Bird grew up fatherless in a one-room cabin, without running water or electricity, on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Rebelling against the aimless drinking, punishing missionary school, narrow strictures for women, and violence and hopelessness of reservation life, she joined the new movement of tribal pride sweeping Native American communities in the sixties and seventies. Mary eventually married Leonard Crow Dog, the American Indian Movement's chief medicine man, who revived the sacred but outlawed Ghost Dance. It is a unique document, unparalleled in American Indian literature, a story of death, of determination against all odds, of the cruelties perpetuated against American Indians, and of the Native American struggle for rights. Working with Richard Erdoes, one of the twentieth century's leading writers on Native American affairs, Brave Bird recounts her difficult upbringing and the path of her fascinating life.

[*Black Elk Speaks*](#) by John G. Neihardt: The story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863–1950) and his people during momentous twilight years of the nineteenth century, offers readers much more than a precious glimpse of a vanished time. Black Elk's searing visions of the unity of humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt, have made this book a classic that crosses multiple

genres. Whether appreciated as the poignant tale of a Lakota life, as a history of a Native nation, or as an enduring spiritual testament, *Black Elk Speaks* is unforgettable. Black Elk met the distinguished poet, writer, and critic John G. Neihardt in 1930 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and asked Neihardt to share his story with the world. Neihardt understood and conveyed Black Elk's experiences in this powerful and inspirational message for all humankind.

- The group that travels to Pine Ridge Reservation, SD will have lunch at the home restaurant of Bette Black Elk, the great granddaughter of Black Elk.

Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder by Kent Nerburn: Well-written books about the author's encounters with Lakota people; provides insight into present day thoughts on Pine Ridge. This is a Re-Member favorite. In this 1996 Minnesota Book Award winner, Kent Nerburn draws the reader deep into the world of an Indian elder known only as Dan. It's a world of Indian towns, white roadside cafes, and abandoned roads that swirl with the memories of the Ghost Dance and Sitting Bull. Readers meet vivid characters like Jumbo, a 400-pound mechanic, and Annie, an 80-year-old Lakota woman living in a log cabin. Threading through the book is the story of two men struggling to find a common voice. *Neither Wolf nor Dog* takes readers to the heart of the Native American experience. As the story unfolds, Dan speaks eloquently on the difference between land and property, the power of silence, and the selling of sacred ceremonies.

The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows by Kent Nerburn: Well-written books about the author's encounters with Lakota people; provides insight into present day thoughts on Pine Ridge. This is a Re-Member favorite. A note is left on a car windshield, an old dog dies, and Kent Nerburn finds himself back on the Lakota reservation where he traveled more than a decade before with a tribal elder named Dan. The touching, funny, and haunting journey that ensues goes deep into reservation boarding-school mysteries, the dark confines of sweat lodges, and isolated Native homesteads far back in the Dakota hills in search of ghosts that have haunted Dan since childhood. In this fictionalized account of actual events, Nerburn brings the land of the northern High Plains alive and reveals the Native American way of teaching and learning with a depth that few outsiders have ever captured.

The Girl Who Sang To The Buffalo: A Child, an Elder, and the Light from an Ancient Sky by Kent Nerburn: Well-written books about the author's encounters with Lakota people; provides insight into present day thoughts on Pine Ridge. This is a Re-Member favorite. A haunting dream that will not relent pulls author Kent Nerburn back into the hidden world of Native America, where dreams have meaning, animals are teachers, and the "old ones" still have powers beyond our understanding. In this moving narrative, we travel through the lands of the Lakota and the Ojibwe, where we encounter a strange little girl with an unnerving connection to the past, a forgotten asylum that history has tried to hide, and the complex, unforgettable characters we have come to know from *Neither Wolf nor Dog* and *The Wolf at Twilight*. Part history, part mystery, part spiritual journey and teaching story, *The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo* is filled with the profound insight into humanity and Native American culture we have come to expect from Nerburn's journeys. As the American Indian College Fund has stated, once you have encountered Nerburn's stirring evocations of America's high plains and incisive insights into the human heart, "you can never look at the world, or at people, the same way again."

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse: The Story of Leonard Peltier and the FBI's War on the American Indian Movement by Peter Matthiessen: On a hot June morning in 1975, a desperate shoot-out between FBI agents and Native Americans near Wounded Knee, South Dakota, left an Indian and two federal agents dead. Four members of the American Indian Movement were indicted on murder charges, and one, Leonard Peltier, was convicted and is now serving consecutive life sentences in a federal penitentiary. Behind this violent chain of events lie issues of great complexity and profound historical resonance, brilliantly explicated by Peter Matthiessen in this controversial book. Kept off the shelves for eight years because of one of the most protracted and bitterly fought legal cases in publishing history, *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse* reveals the Lakota tribe's long struggle with the U.S. government, and makes

clear why the traditional Indian concept of the earth is so important at a time when increasing populations are destroying the precious resources of our world.

[Keeping Heart on Pine Ridge](#) by Vic Glover. Cruise down the back roads of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in this bold anthology of real-life stories. Creative writer Vic Glover lays bare the challenges, history, bonds, and rich traditions that infuse the stark reality of life on the "rez." Glover introduces readers to his friends, family, and neighbors, inviting us into his private world with a trace of amusement and a poignant honesty that grabs you from the opening line and never lets go.

[Custer Died for Your Sins](#) by Vine Deloria Jr: The book consists of eleven essays and is critical of aid organizations, churches, and the US government, for their efforts to 'help' Native Americans, which often hinder rather than help progress. Deloria also objects to the efforts of anthropologists to understand Native Americans, devoting millions of dollars to the study of individual tribes that would help the tribes to advance themselves. The book advocates [Native American religion](#), and encourages church groups to lay aside their theological differences and help the tribes whose members they sought to convert. Significant in its presentation of Native Americans as a people who were able to retain their tribal society and morality, while existing in the modern world.

[The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie: On a hot June morning in 1975, a desperate shoot-out between FBI agents and Native Americans near Wounded Knee, South Dakota, left an Indian and two federal agents dead. Four members of the American Indian Movement were indicted on murder charges, and one, Leonard Peltier, was convicted and is now serving consecutive life sentences in a federal penitentiary. Behind this violent chain of events lie issues of great complexity and profound historical resonance, brilliantly explicated by Peter Matthiessen in this controversial book. Kept off the shelves for eight years because of one of the most protracted and bitterly fought legal cases in publishing history, *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse* reveals the Lakota tribe's long struggle with the U.S. government, and makes clear why the traditional Indian concept of the earth is so important at a time when increasing populations are destroying the precious resources of our world.

2018 Recommended Reading from Re-Member

On the Rez by Ian Frazier: A contemporary book about life on Pine Ridge from a white man's perspective. You will enjoy reading about and then encountering many locations.

Neither Wolf nor Dog, The Wolf at Twilight and The Girl Who Sang To The Buffalo by Kent Nerburn: Well-written books about the author's encounters with Lakota people; provides insight into present day thoughts on Pine Ridge.

The Earth Shall Weep by James Wilson: A history of North American Indigenous peoples, written from their perspective. It provides great insight into the effect of the European invasion of the Americas.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown: For decades, this has been the definitive book about the Western Indian tribes generally and the Lakota particularly, and covers their history from the mid-1850's to the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890.

The Moon of Popping Trees by Rex Allen Smith: This is another account of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre, and provides a slightly different take on the event, with references to many articles and documents of the day.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse by Peter Matthiesson: The story of the 1975 shooting of two FBI agents on Pine Ridge and the subsequent trial of AIM activist Leonard Peltier.

Crazy Horse and Custer by Stephen E. Ambrose: Written by the noted historian, tells the story of both men and the events that drew them together.

God is Red: A Native View of Religion by Vine Deloria, Jr. – A comparison between Native religion and both Judaism and Christianity, although he paints both with broad strokes, it presents a powerful challenge to some Christian doctrine.

Custer Died for Your Sins: an Indian Manifesto by Vine Deloria, Jr.: Covers both Native spirituality and the anger that permeates the lives of many Native Americans today.

Gift of Power: the Life and Teachings of a Lakota Holy Man by Chief Archie Fire Lame Deer: A story of transformation from anger and survival to redemption as a holy man.

Black Elk Speaks, transcribed by John C. Neihardt: This is a very famous text by the most famous Lakota Holy Man, as transcribed by John Neihardt. Re-Member's volunteer groups eat at the restaurant owned by Black Elk's great granddaughter, near the location where this text was dictated.

Wounded Knee II by Rolland Dewing: A thorough history of the events of 1973 when the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupied the village of Wounded Knee. The effects of this period are still evident on the reservation today.

Travels In A Stone Canoe: The Return to the Wisdom Keepers by Harvey Arden and Steve Wall; **Wisdom Keepers: Meeting with Native American Spiritual Elders** by Steve Wall; **Wisdom's Daughters: Conversations with Women Elders of Native America** by Steve Wall; **Noble Red Man: Lakota Wisdom Keeper Matthew King** by Harvey Arden: The authors write extensively about their encounter with contemporary Native American spiritual elders.

Meditations with the Lakota by Paul Steinmetz: Prayers, songs and stories of healing and harmony.

The Sacred Pipe: Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Lakota, by Joseph Epes Brown: An explanation of the sacred rights of the Lakota religion.

Walking in the Sacred Manner / Madonna Swan / Of Uncommon Birth by Mark St. Pierre with his wife, Tilda Long Soldier. The 1st is about Lakota women, spirituality and healing. The 2nd discusses an exceptional Lakota woman; and the 3rd tells the story of two South Dakota soldiers during the Vietnam War; one Lakota, one white.

The Lakota Way by Joseph M. Marshall III. Stories and lessons for living.

Not For Sale by Kevin Hancock. A journal about a personal journey of discovery in the land of the Lakota.

2018 Recommended Films

Smoke Signals: Gives you a sense of life on a reservation.

Skins: By the same director as Smoke Signals, it is about Pine Ridge and was primarily filmed there.

Incident at Oglala: Produced by Robert Redford, this is an outstanding documentary about Leonard Peltier and events during and immediately following the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973 by the American Indian Movement.

Thunderheart: This is loosely based upon the events detailed in Incident at Oglala and was filmed here on Pine Ridge. Jerome High Horse, our Construction Manager, was an extra in this film.

Dances with Wolves: This is a beautifully filmed movie and very well done. Some of the residents on Pine Ridge say that they got the dialect wrong in the movie. This is also typical of Hollywood, in that the focus of the movie is on the love affair between two Euro-Americans who ride off together, leaving the Native people to their fate.

American Indian Homelands: Matters of Truth, Honor and Dignity-Immemorial: Narrated by Sam Donaldson, an excellent documentary about land issues on Indian Reservations. Can be hard to find.

The West, 500 Nations, and Into the West: These three series, by Ken Burns, Kevin Costner and Steven Spielberg respectively provide multiple historical perspectives, each for different reasons.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: Produced by HBO in May 2007, this film focuses on Henry Dawes, the allotment of land for farming by Indians, and the Massacre at Wounded Knee.

Dreamkeeper: A 2003 film about a Lakota Elder and Storyteller and conflicts with his grandson about traditional vs. contemporary ways and life on the Rez.

NOTE: Some of these movies may contain violence and content which, although culturally relevant, could be difficult or inappropriate for young viewers. We suggest that Group Leaders pre-screen movies before showing them to the entire group.