



# UU Laramie News

April 2022

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Fellowship of Laramie  
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## Services April

The theme for April services is “Renewal.”



**April 3** “Enter, Rejoice and Come In.” After two long years of being apart, we celebrate returning to in-person services. We will reaffirm our commitment to the Fellowship and one another through a “renewal of vows” ceremony.

**April 10** “Seeds.” Seeds embody the constant and continual renewal of life in a cycle. Drawing on the UU six sources of wisdom, we explore seeds both literally and metaphorically to discover new understandings of our own place in that cycle.

**April 17** “Come Spring.” Like the program on winter in February, this service celebrates the season – even though, in Wyoming, it still seems a long way off.

**April 24** Rev. Kee is in the pulpit.



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Rev. Leslie Kee ([lkee@wyoming.com](mailto:lkee@wyoming.com))

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**Facebook: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Laramie (public)**

**Facebook: UUFL Community Group (private)** *This is a private group for UUFL members and friends who want to discuss current issues and challenges.*

**Website: [uularamie.org](http://uularamie.org)** *For more news and events, and the latest updates!*



## Musings from the Co-Chair

As I write this on the very warm last weekend of March, my crocuses are blooming, and the daffodils and tulips are several inches high. Their optimism, although admirable, may be a little too early. The bulbs come up only to get a dose of harsh Wyoming reality, but they are apparently incapable of learning to stay dormant another month. We all know some of our heaviest snows come in April and occasionally all the way into June.



Currently, all the metrics for the COVID pandemic are also a cause for optimism. Case rates are down, test positivity rates are well within bounds, and local hospitalizations are almost nil. This too may be a “false Spring” but like the seasons, truly a harbinger of an end of this disease at a pandemic level. As a result, we are back in the building for services. While the Board continues to recommend masking where physical distancing is not possible and opening windows when feasible, we are no longer requiring masks. To accommodate those who are not comfortable mingling in group situations, our services will continue to be available on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

As we look forward to coming out of hibernation, we are looking forward to a new beginning in the Fall. In anticipation of our new church year there are a couple of things to note. First, it is time for our annual Pledge drive so you should be seeing a letter from the stewardship committee in the next month. The generosity of our members supports everything we do from Sunday services, our quarter-time minister, maintaining our facility, and, we hope, a future return of children’s RE. Give early and give often! Second, our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. As always, we need a quorum to do the business of the church from elections to any potential Bylaw changes. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend either in person or virtually.

*David*

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## Membership Committee

The UUFL Membership committee is Robin Chestek (Chair) and Laura Miller (Database Administrator). Please help keep the member / friend database up to date! If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address, please send your updated contact information to Robin at [rchestek@gmail.com](mailto:rchestek@gmail.com).

## Contemplative Yarns

We meet at the Fellowship at 12:30 pm on Saturdays. We welcome others to join us. If you are interested in participating, e-mail [uularamieneews@gmail.com](mailto:uularamieneews@gmail.com) or drop by on Saturday.

## UUFL Calendar of Events

David Perry maintains a current event calendar on the UUFL website ([uularamie.org](http://uularamie.org)). You can always check there to see what is happening. Remember, all scheduling for use of the building must be done through David ([dperry@uwyo.edu](mailto:dperry@uwyo.edu)).

## Carpet Squares

We had the carpet replaced in the social hall a few years back. Does anyone know if UUFL bought any extra carpet squares at that time? If we did, where are these carpet squares? Please e-mail [uularamienews@gmail.com](mailto:uularamienews@gmail.com) if you know the location of any extra carpet squares.

## Family Promise

Josh Hopin is the interim Director if you have inquiries. Our dates to bring meals to the Presbyterian Church are:

### *2022 UUFL / Family Promise Dates*

May 1-8

July 31-August 7

September 11-18

October 16-23



All through the year, though, Family Promise can use shelf stable food and products for their diaper pantry. If you've questions, please give me a call or text me at 307.761.0887. *Bren Lieske, Family Promise Coordinator.*

## Re-igniting the Chalice:

## The Controversy Over the Proposed 8th Principle

A Convocation Sponsored by The Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council

Saturday, April 9, 2022 - from 10 am to 3 pm Central  
(11 am to 4 pm Eastern, 8 am to 1 pm Pacific)

A virtual event, for UUMUAC members, supporters, and potential members and friends—held using Zoom technology. For the 2-page flyer with full details and schedule write to [uumuac@gmail.com](mailto:uumuac@gmail.com).

## New COVID Policy *updated March 25, 2022*

We strongly encourage all eligible members to be fully vaccinated and we continue to recommend indoor masking as ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community, but in the current phase of the pandemic, we no longer require masks inside the Fellowship. In addition, use of the kitchen and food service is permitted by groups that wish to do so. The Board will continue to monitor pandemic conditions and adjust our policies if we need to return to more restrictive measures.

## Zoom Room Information

UUFL has a Zoom room members and friends may use to host UUFL related events. Contact Michael Wade ([darooke22@gmail.com](mailto:darooke22@gmail.com)) for details on how to use the Laramie Zoom Room to host a meeting. Below is the Zoom access information for both the Laramie and Casper Zoom Rooms.

**Laramie Zoom Room**  
**Meeting ID: 290 700 5294**  
**Passcode: no passcode needed**

**Casper Zoom Room**  
**Meeting ID: 459 187 0381**  
**Passcode: 084964**