



# UU Laramie news matters April, 2023

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## Services for April:

**April 2nd 10 am, "Church and State in Cheyenne"** The separation of church and state is one of the cornerstone principles in the American experiment in self-governance. How well is that working out in Wyoming? Member and State Representative, Ken Chestek will share his observations about religious influences in lawmaking in Cheyenne.

**April 9th, 10 am, "Stewardship as a Sacred Duty"** Rev. Leslie Kee will speak about stewardship as we kick off our annual pledge drive. After the service, we will have an Easter egg hunt and a finger food buffet (see next page for more details).

**April 16th, 10 am, "Unlearning"** Richard Rohr suggests our capacity for growth comes from "unlearning" old religious/spiritual/cultural ideas as much as practicing ones that fulfill us. Led by Catie Ballard and Sara Saulcy, we'll dive into beliefs that serve us well and then morph into "unlearning." Bring open hearts, inquiring minds, and a sense of enjoyment to this contemplative time.

**April 23rd, 10 am, "Melding"** Catie Ballard and Sara Saulcy continue the conversation about how we develop spirituality by blending the old with the new in our religious practices,

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, "UU's and Polytheology"** Sara Saulcy introduces us to the concept of embracing multiple religious identities and practices. We will then have a conversation about what polytheology might mean in the context of Unitarian Universalism.

## Calendar for April:

Board meets April 5th, 5 pm, zoom/live; Program Committee meets April 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm live/zoom.  
Contemplative Yarns meets every Saturday, 9:30 am at the Fellowship building.

## Bulletin Board

**Building news**—The Board has approved the expense of LEDS in the two small meeting rooms.

**Pledge Drive**— Will kick off on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Easter, with a sermon from Rev. Kee. The Pledge Committee hopes to have most pledges in by the following week.

\*\*\*There are three potential openings on the Board; there is one opening on Committee on Ministry; there is one opening on the Endowment Committee. Contact the Board if you want to serve.

**Annual Meeting, May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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## Rev. Leslie Kee – thoughts for April...

April showers bring May flowers is a rhyme I'm sure many of us grew up with, and it still can make me smile. In the world of church though, April brings May's annual pledge drive, and that too brings a smile. As your minister, I like that the pledge drive is one of the important ways our beloved community and the values we cherish are affirmed and invested in. UUFL has an impressive history of successful pledge drives, and I am honored to be part of this on-going story. Please mark your calendars for April 9 when not only we will celebrate a "UU version of Easter", we'll kick off the upcoming season of stewardship with a non-traditional egg hunt and a potluck lunch. Just as the seasons are turning, so do our wheels of governance bring reminders of change and new growth. See you in church!

**RE Update:** Families and friends interested in the UUFL Religious Education program are invited to join in a zoom meet to discuss a new season of RE fun and fellowship. Please contact Rev. Kee if you'd like to participate.

To reserve the UU Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, [dperry@uwyo.edu](mailto:dperry@uwyo.edu). See the current event calendar on the UU website.

Covid Info: Please wear a mask if you are ill or have not been vaccinated; masks are suggested but not required. See UU covid policy on the UUFL website.

Please contact us if you would like to receive the **news matters** newsletter; and check out the UU Laramie website, [uularamie.org](http://uularamie.org), and our **UUFL Facebook** page.

Robin Chestek [460-9139] and Ken Chestek maintain the Membership database; please contact Ken if you have Changed your address or phone number.



### **Easter Sunday, April 9th**

*Please bring one or more Easter Eggs for an Easter egg offering this Sunday. Your egg can be a traditional hard boiled dyed/decorated egg or any other type Easter egg such as a plastic fillable egg, candy egg, or chocolate egg! Whatever egg or eggs you bring, please have your egg include a simple message expressing a gift you receive from the Fellowship--and share these gifts with others as we exchange eggs.*