



# UU Laramie news matters July, 2023

Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Laramie, 1402 Gibbon, Laramie, WY. 82072. 307 745-8874

## Services for July:

**July 2nd, 10 am, Coffee & Conversation** with Catie Ballard. For a lively discussion of “The Ins and Outs of Freedom,” join Catie.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Poet for a Day**--Join UUFL member Linda Meeker for a fun Sunday of poetry and wordplay. We'll review common conventions in poems, read a few selections aloud, and draft some short pieces of our own. No experience or expertise is required. Bring pen and paper, a good summer attitude, a little imagination and a spirit of curiosity!

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Worship at Vedauwoo with UU Cheyenne**—We'll join members of UU Cheyenne for a Sunday service at 10:00 am at the Gazebo, followed by a picnic. For those who want to get an early hike in, join us at 8:00 am at the Turtle Rock west end trailhead nearest the Gazebo for a hike around Turtle Rock. Catie Ballard will host coffee & conversation at the Fellowship for those who do not wish to join the Vedauwoo service.

**July 23rd, 9:30 am, Pilot Hill hike led by Nancy Lockwood**—Let's meet at the Fellowship parking lot and then carpool to the northeast end of the Pilot Hill recreation area at the terminus of Crow and 45<sup>th</sup> Street. We'll explore our own backyard with this hike on the newest Pilot Hill trails, 1,2 & 3.. Catie Ballard will host coffee & conversation at the Fellowship for those who do not wish to join the hike.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Book Lovers, Round 2**—Following up with our discussion in June, we'll continue to share books, authors, and the deep pleasures of reading. If you have actual, physical books to exchange, please bring them along! Led by UUFL member, Barbara Bogart.

## Calendar for July:

Board meets July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm at the Fellowship and zoom room. Program Committee will meet again in August. Contemplative Yarns meets Saturdays, 1pm at Harbon Park, under the big tree.

## Bulletin Board

*The Board met for its annual new Board-Old Board potluck at Linda Meeker's house on June 7th to welcome Sara Saulcy to the Board and bid Catie Ballard farewell. Rev. Kee's contract for FY 2023-2024 was approved and signed on May 31st.*

*The primary order of business was a discussion of whom to assign our delegate credentials for the coming GA meeting June 22-25th. Catie and Barbara volunteered and we agreed to give them our two voting credentials. In addition, we instructed them to vote their own conscience based upon what transpires at the GA business meeting while mindful of the general consensus of the congregation regarding the proposed revisions to Article II.*

*In another matter of interest, we are tentatively planning a painting party for the small meeting rooms the second week of July. Details will be forthcoming when we have finalized the plans.*

*Finally, the rich garden soil from the raised beds on the south side of the building is up for grabs. Anyone is welcome to come and take some.*

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**Everywoman Her Own Theology** by Alicia Ostriker [from Building your own Theology]

My proposals, or should I say requirements,  
Include at least one image of a god,  
Virile, beard optional, one of a goddess,  
Nubile, beast size approximating mine,  
One divine baby, one lion, one lamb,  
All nude as figs, all dancing wildly,  
All shining, Reproducible  
In marble, metal, in fact any material

Ethically, I am looking for  
An absolute endorsement of loving-kindness.  
No loopholes except maybe mosquitoes.  
Virtue and sin will henceforth be discouraged,  
Along with suffering and martyrdom.  
There will be no concept of infidels,  
Consequently, the faithful must entertain  
Themselves some other way than killing infidels.

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: 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.