

# **UU Laramie** news matters September, 2023

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

## Services for September:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am, - Carl Jung stated "Synchronicity is an ever present reality for those who have eyes to see." Join today's coffee & conversation with Catie Ballard to wonder, discern, tell stories and expand our consciousness about Synchronicity.

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, What is a Spiritual Experience? - Sara Saulcy & Catie Ballard Join us for an exploration of the question, "What does the term "spiritual experience" mean anyway??? From the mundane to the sublime, we will expand our understanding.

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Sharing our own spiritual experiences – Ken Chestek & Sara Saulcy

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Rev. Kee is in the pulpit

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Laramie Zoom Room: Meeting ID: 2907005294 No passcode needed



Welcome back, Rich Barrans

Please welcome Isabela Araujo, a graduate student in music from Brazil, who will be providing music during our formal Sunday services.

## **Calendar for September:**

The Board meets September 6th at 5 pm, live at the Fellowship building. Program Committee meets September 13th at 5:00 pm at the Fellowship building. Contemplative Yarns meets Saturdays, 1pm at Harbon Park, under the big tree.

#### **Bulletin Board**

The current Board officers are: Linda Meeker, Chair; Robin Chestek, Secretary, David Perry, Treasurer. Members at large are Sara Saulcy and Jeff Lockwood.

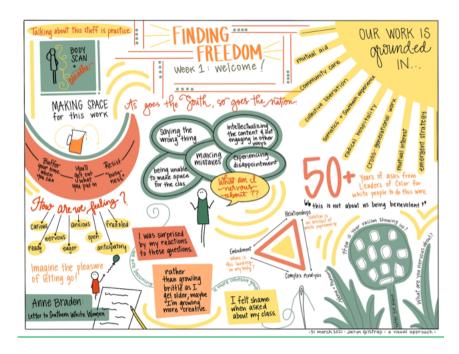
Catie Ballard and Barbara Bogart were UUFL's virtual delegates at this year's UUA General Assembly in June.. One of their responsibilities was to vote on whether or not the work of revising Article II of the UUA bylaws (which include our principles) should continue. As a congregation, we had already reviewed and unanimously rejected the new Statement of Principles and Purposes. Catie and Barbara voted against continuing the revision process, but were in the minority. The revision process will continue, with the final version to be presented and voted on at GA in 2024.

There will be a box in the social hall available for donations of hygiene supplies for the Downtown Clinic. Hygiene products needed are: shampoo, conditioner, sunscreen, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, lotion, Vaseline, unopened meds that won't expire for 6 months. [No diapers, food or clothing]

# Rev Leslie Kee—Thoughts for August

As we move into the new season, many of us have been yearning for a break from the steady stream of political drama and cultural angst that has been swirling around like Wyoming dust devils. As many of you know, I am in the UUFL pulpit one Sunday each month, and so my sermons this fall will be exploring some of those good qualities which make us human. Since my personal UU theology is based on my belief that humans are born to love first, not sin, it seems to be a good fit

for these trying times. And, I always enjoy your feedback and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to share any requests you may have! See you in church!



<u>Finding Freedom</u> is a 5-part anti-racism Workshop that supports white women and gender queer folks to re-examine our relationship to white womanhood, class, feminism, and collective liberation. You can find out more about our work <u>here</u>, and there are some awesome <u>testimonials</u> here.

This fall, Kari Points and Evangeline Weiss have been invited to facilitate a Finding Freedom workshop online for the <u>Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation</u>. You may have already received outreach information from the federation over the summer. **The workshop is online, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm, from September 6th to October 4th.** 

### Here is the direct registration link: https://uuwf.org/event-5314520

There is still time to register for this artfully-led Zoom platform workshop. The workshop is for Unitarian Universalist clergy, social justice committee members, leaders, boards, and members who identify as white women or gender queer folks.

Kind regards, Debra East she/her 307-349-1351 (text, phone, voicemail)

To reserve the UU Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, <a href="mailto:dperry@uwyo.edu">dperry@uwyo.edu</a>. 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, and our UUFL Facebook page.

Robin Chestek and Ken Chestek (460-9139) maintain the Membership database; please contact Ken if you have changed your address or phone number.