



UU Laramie news matters February, 2024

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

Services for February

February 4th 10 am, “How Do I Love Thee?” with Jeff Lockwood

“Love” works harder than most any other word in the English language, as it has to express our affection for everything from flavors of food and genres of music, to relationships with friends and family, to affection for pets and keepsakes, to romantic and altruistic connections. On this Sunday before the Chocolate Fiesta (which precedes Valentine’s Day), we’ll explore the forms that love takes, using the ancient wisdom of Greek sages and consider how our new UU Principles might reflect these diverse manifestations.

Saturday, February 10th, 10 am, – 2 pm, Chocolate Fiesta!

February 11th, 10 am, “Friends with Benefits” led by Catie Ballard

A wise man once told me, “You have to make friends with ALL OF YOU.” How do we make friends with fear and guilt? What do we do with friends whose worlds crumble? What does it mean to be a friend anyway?

February 18th, 10 am, “In Loving Memory to the Person in the Mirror” led by Chris Stratton

It is common for people to focus on what is wrong with their reflection in the mirror. They may notice wrinkles, signs of aging, or their own mortality staring back at them. However, if we can look beyond these imperfections, we can begin to see the hidden beauty that all living beings possess. This can lead to a greater understanding and appreciation of self-love.

February 25th, 10 am, Rev. Kee will be in the pulpit



Calendar for February:

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 1st, at 5:15 pm virtual and in-person. The next Program Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th, at 5:15 pm.

Bulletin Board

As of January 10th, we have received 65% of anticipated pledges and are at only 50% of expenses. We are 60% of the way through our fiscal year.

In the interest of transparency and the democratic process, the Board moved to support discussion of four amendments to Article II at this summer’s General Assembly. Amendments require the support of no less than 15 congregations to be considered. Our support at this time does not obligate us to vote for any of the four amendments at the actual GA meeting.

The Board completed the questionnaire for the annual Congregational Certification Forms for the UUA which are due February 5th. Robin Chestek subsequently submitted the completed forms on January 18th.

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Meeting ID: 2907005294
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***It's time for the 2024 Chocolate Fiesta!** This year's Fiesta happens on Saturday, February 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our fellowship building. All proceeds will benefit the **Downtown Clinic**.*

Your homemade chocolate goodies are the key to a successful Fiesta. Please drop goodies off at the Fellowship to be priced between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9th (preferred) or in the morning on Saturday, February 10th between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Freezer and refrigerator space is also available to drop chocolate goodies off a few days before the Fiesta, or for items that need to be kept cold on the day of the event. Kindly label items if they are gluten or dairy free, have nuts, or address other dietary needs. This will help chocolate connoisseurs with their choices.

Helpers are also needed to make this year's Fiesta a success. Please sign up to help at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wzfa4H-1ki18FXEVwzXEPywmYzk465b7ZJng9NnT84k/edit> . Please contact Sara Saulcy if you have problems with the link. You may also sign up on the volunteer list at the Fellowship.

To contact Sara Saulcy at 307-247-2911 or s.saulcy@gmail.com, or Rich Barrans at 207-551-1748 or rich.barrans@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have questions. Let's make this year's Chocolate Fiesta the best yet!

To reserve the UU Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, 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, 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.

If you have an item that Caring Committee should be aware of, please contact Jim Erdelyi (Chair) at 307 760-8274. Other Caring members: Ralph Garrett, Robin Chestek, Sara Saulcy, Rev. Leslie Kee are also available