



UU Laramie news matters March, 2024

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

Services for March

March 3rd, 10 am, “Hopes, Dreams, Wishes, Prayers”, coffee & conversation with Nancy Lockwood. These are powerful expressions of possibility, desire, and, at times, desperation. Join us as we explore these concepts and what they mean in our personal lives as well as the lives of others now and in the future.

March 10th, 10 am, “Zen and Now”, roundtable with Linda Meeker. Masters of Zen Buddhism have written some great books, but they are not always accessible to the modern Western reader. Really, what is playing ball on running water? Do you know the sound of one hand clapping? And why is everyone in yoga pants talking about “mindfulness” all the time? Let’s put our *beginner’s minds* together and consider the wisdom that can be deciphered from the sages and inscrutable Zen thinkers.

March 17th, 10 am, “Luck and the Hedonic Treadmill”, coffee & conversation with Maya Gilmore. *“From Greek to Irish, a great majority of the European words for ‘happy’ at first meant ‘lucky.’ An exception is Welsh, where the word used first meant ‘wise.’”* -- etymonline.com. Maya Gilmore will use a web of etymology to stage the question: is luck (and happiness) all a matter of perception, or are some people really luckier than others?

March 24th, 10 am, Rev. Kee will be in the pulpit.

March 31st, 10 am, “Begin Again” led by Catie Ballard. Whether honoring Easter or the Hindu Holi festival, or the ancient Celtic Ostara or the Jewish tradition of Purim, they all share a common theme-- Begin Again. Come and consider how your need to Begin Again is not dependent upon a season, a holiday or a whimsy! This may be a trait we all share and can grow throughout our lives. Stay for soup, salad and bread after the service.



Calendar for March:

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 7th, at 5:15 pm, live/zoom. The next Program Committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st: at 5:15 pm, live/zoom.

Bulletin Board

To date, the Fellowship has received 89% of anticipated pledges and is expected to end the fiscal year on target!

The Chocolate Fiesta proceeds of \$2006.17 will go to the Downtown Clinic (minus any expenses). Thanks to all of you who baked, cooked, set-up, cleaned-up, priced, cashiered, and helped with this year’s event. Next year we want more chocolate confections!

Jeff Lockwood has graciously agreed to head up the Pledge Drive that will kick off in early April.

The Board encourages everyone to respond to the Committee on Ministry’s annual survey.

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The UUFL is hosting at our fellowship building a dramatic reading of the play, “**Church**,” which will be performed by actors from Laramie’s Relative Theatrics, **at 6:30 on March 7th** (doors open at 6:00) with a post-reading discussion led by Jeff Lockwood.

Relative Theatrics—known for their "risky, relevant, real" productions—presents thought-provoking, contemporary theatre that examines the unifying qualities of the human race. Taking artistic risks, they provide a community gathering place where thoughts can be exchanged about society, culture, and the power of creativity.

The playwright for “Church” is Young Jean Lee, a Guggenheim Fellow, whose work has been performed in over thirty cities around the world. Lee was called "the most adventurous downtown playwright of her generation" by *The New York Times* and "one of the best experimental playwrights in America" in *Time Out New York*. She was the first Asian American woman to have a play produced on Broadway.

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