



UU Laramie news matters April, 2024

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Services for April

April 7, 10 am, "Creation Stories" - Ken Chestek

How does a society's origin story shape the development of that society? The origin stories for many indigenous cultures involve female Creators; is it any wonder that those societies developed into matriarchies? This conversation will invite members to think about the origin myths for different societies and cultures around the world, and compare them to the patriarchal Christian origin story.

April 14th, 10 am, "Christian Nationalism: Constantine's Continued Threat" - Rev. Rodger McDaniel

Many believe that "Christian Nationalism" is harmless, simply an expression of religious beliefs coupled with patriotism. Rev. McDaniel will explain why it poses a threat to many of our freedoms, including freedom of and from religion.

April 21st, 10 am, Rev. Kee will be in the pulpit

April 21st, 1 pm. Catie Ballard and Marian Erdelyi will lead the second program, "End of Life Choices". Featured contributors will include: Teri Lund, Rev. Rodger McDaniel, and a Laramie physician. Everyone is **welcome**.

April 28th, 10 am, "How the world ends" - roundtable discussion led by Barbara Bogart

The end of the world is a common, if not universal, theme in world cultures. It can take many forms, from the Norse Ragnarok to the Hindu Prayala, to the biblical Apocalypse, to the Christian Day of Judgment. What are your ideas about how the world might end? Who are your Four Horsemen?

Calendar for April:

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th, at 5:15 pm, live/zoom. The next Program Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th at 5:15 pm, live/zoom.

Bulletin Board

- 1) Our financial position continues to be strong. We are currently 83% of the way through our fiscal year. We have received 89% of the promised pledges. Additional donations from members beyond their pledges plus other donations and the Sunday loose offerings have brought our income to 100% of what we were hoping for. The donations include a generous one from Patagonia for the third year in a row. On the expenditure side, as of March 26th we have spent 74% of what we budgeted.
- 2) We had our annual Fire and Safety Inspection by the Laramie Fire Department last month. Only one minor deficiency was noted in that we did not have a sign in the sanctuary stating the maximum occupancy of the room. That has now been resolved.
- 3) The Board approved a procedure for project proposals. This new form is attached and will be available at the Fellowship.
- 4) The Pledge Committee is once again gearing up for our Spring Pledge drive. Look forward to hearing from them soon.
- 5) The Board is establishing a nominating committee for the coming openings on the Board, COM, and Endowment Committee to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 19th. There will be two openings on the Board, two on the COM and one on the Endowment Committee. The two Board members whose terms are expiring have expressed a willingness to stand for re-election for another two-year term.
- 6) The Board is seeking two volunteers to be our delegates to the UUA General Assembly from June 20th through 23rd. This meeting will be entirely virtual. If you have an interest in attending, see a Board member.
- 7) There will also be a Regional Assembly in Denver on April 19th and 20th. If you are interested in attending, contact the Board about covering any registration fees.

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Meeting ID: 2907005294
No passcode needed

From Rev. Kee:

I am available for special events, like weddings, pastoral care, and spiritual direction all the days of the month. Even if you'd like to just visit and share your thoughts and suggestions, please feel free to set up a time to visit. My contact information is, 307 340-0697, lkee@wyoming.com and it is on the website. Wishing everyone a happy spring -- finally! Rev. Kee

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.

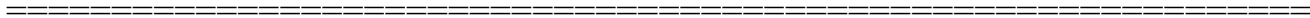
If you have an item that Caring Committee should be aware of, please contact Jim Erdelyi (Chair) at 307 760-8274. Other Caring members: Ralph Garrett, Robin Chestek, Sara Saulcy, Rev. Leslie Kee are also available.

**Please see the next page for the form for proposing projects,
events or improvements at the UUFL**

Steps for proposing projects, events, or improvements at the UUFL

1. Briefly draft your idea in writing. The form attached below may be used for smaller- cost proposals.
2. Discuss your idea with the chairperson of the appropriate committee: Building and grounds, Caring, Membership, Social Action, Program, or other standing committees currently active in the Fellowship.
 - A. If your suggestion is accepted and within the budget of that committee, they will act on it in a timeframe suitable to them. They might also seek to pursue the project with the support of another committee with similar interest.
 - B. If your suggestion is approved but is beyond the scope of the committee’s budget, the proposal should be presented to the Board of Directors on a triannual basis (at scheduled meetings in January, May, and September) for consideration. Larger projects may require more fact finding and planning before approval. Approved projects will be funded in a manner as determined by the Board, in accordance with the bylaws of the UUFL.
 - C. If the idea you propose is not approved, please consider brain-storming with other interested members, revising, and resubmitting at a later date.

That’s all there is to it! Your enthusiasm, ideas, and energy help to make the UUFL a better place for everyone. Please contact a Board member with any questions you may have.



PROPOSAL for project, event, or improvement at UUFL

My idea is:

Estimated cost:

Anticipated benefit to the Fellowship, how does it reflect our values or mission?:

Possible conflicts or negative consequences:

Proposed by _____ date _____