



UU Laramie news matters May, 2024

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Services for May will focus on UU Laramie as a congregation and on our experiences in the Fellowship.

May 5th, 10 am, "This I believe: the endless search for truth and meaning" led by Maya Gilmore

Three individuals address the issue of choosing a free and responsible search for truth meaning over the certainty some other faiths promise. What's the value of an open discussion over a definitive moral? How does our searching inform our actions? How can we recognize problems in ourselves, our church, or our country and still hold onto Hope?

May 12th, 10 am, "The First Time." In this roundtable, we'll share stories of our first visit to the Fellowship.

May 19th, 10 am, Annual member meeting. After a brief service led by Rev. Kee, we will conduct the official business of the congregation, including reviewing the budget and electing Board and committee members. A quorum of members is required to conduct this business. Please plan to attend. After the meeting, we'll gather in the social hall to wish Rev. Kee well as she moves on to the next stage in her life.

May 26th, 10 am, "Memorial Day (and spring clean-up) at UU Laramie." Let's take a trip around the building and grounds to remember former members and past events that have shaped us as a Fellowship. Then we'll put on our sunhats and gloves and spruce up the place up for the summer.

Calendar for May:

The next Board meeting will be on May 8th at 5:15 pm, live/zoom. The next Program Committee meeting will be on May 16th at 5:15 pm, live/zoom.

Bulletin Board

- 1. We are 83% through our fiscal year and almost all of our pledges are in! Our expenses are 74% of budgeted for the year. We are on solid footing financially.***
- 2. The Annual Pledge Drive is in full swing. If you haven't pledged, please put your card in the mail soon. The Pledge Committee is planning on wrapping up the first week in May so the Board can make any necessary adjustments to the proposed budget for next year.***
- 3. The Board is looking for volunteers to attend this year's General Assembly (GA) from June 20th-23rd. GA will be entirely online this year. Based on our size, our congregation is allotted two votes for the business part of the meeting. This year the Proposed Article II revision will be coming up for a final vote. If you are interested in attending, please contact a Board member. See <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/schedule> for more information. UUFL will cover registration fees.***
- 4. Our Annual Meeting is on May 19th. We need a quorum of members to transact business, i.e., elect members of the Board, Committee on Ministry, and the Endowment Committee. After a short service from Rev. Kee, we will segue directly into the business portion of the meeting. As this will be Rev. Kee's last Sunday with us, there will be a celebration/send-off honoring Leslie's years of service to us. The agenda will be sent out electronically ten days before the meeting.***
- 5. Committee chairs please submit your annual committee report to David Perry by May 13th.***

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Meeting ID: 2907005294
No passcode needed

On June 2nd, 1-3pm there will be a multi-purpose workshop (the 3rd in the Death, Dying, What's Next, End of Life Choices' programs) that will include how to complete an advanced directive document, how to write your own obituary and more. There will be breaks and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

To reserve the UUFL Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, dperry@uwyo.edu. See the current event calendar on the UUFL website.

Covid Info: Please wear a mask if you are ill or have not been vaccinated; masks are suggested but not required. See UUFL 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 Sauley, Rev. Leslie Kee are also available.