



UU Laramie news matters March, 2025

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

Services for March

March 2nd, 10 am, “What is Weighty, Wise and Whimsical” led by Jeff Lockwood

This Sunday, Jeff Lockwood will lead an exploration of the enchantment of aphorisms—those pithy statements offering instruction, truth, or opinion on abiding matters of the human condition. We’ll make use of a provocative sampling from *What Remains to be Said*, a recently published collection by Yahia Lababidi, who is an Arab-American of Palestinian background and the author of 13 acclaimed books of essays, poems—and aphorisms (and Jeff’s newfound pal). With these to prime our contemplative, spiritual pumps, we’ll craft our own bits of succinct wisdom to distill thoughts and feelings into adages such as, “If you judge a fish by its ability to climb trees, it will spend its whole life thinking it’s stupid,” “We become what we repeatedly do,” or “Hurt people hurt people.”

March 9th, 10 am, “Ambiguity and Paradox,” led by Linda Meeker

Come experiment with a new format! Linda Meeker will read a sermon from the Touchstones project, which provides materials collected from UU ministers and congregations on specific themes. This week’s sermon will cover the topic of ambiguity and paradox.

March 16th, 10 am, “Committee on Ministry Discussion” led by Dan Elliot

The committee on ministry will lead a final roundtable discussion about three possible options for our fellowship: hire a minister, reach out to ministerial and other resources as needed, or continue on as we are without additional hired assistance. Please come and share your perspective on how you’d like the future of our fellowship to look.

March 23rd, 4:30 pm, “This I Believe: Idealism” led by Benny Pallares, James Apronti, and Bethany Kelley

Join three of our new friends of our congregation, as they discuss their thoughts on idealism at 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck. **Bring your own drinks and a dish to share; plates & silverware will be provided.**

March 30th, 10 am, “Coffee and Conversation” facilitator TBD

During our final Sunday this month, the fellowship will host a casual coffee and conversation gathering. Any topics of discussion are welcome!



Contemplative Yarns meets on Saturdays at 1:15 pm at the Fellowship. Please contact Sara Saulcy at s.saulcy@gmail.com for more information. When the weather is nice, we meet at the same time at Harbon Park kitty-corner from the Fellowship.

Calendar for March:

The next **Board** meeting is March 4th, 5pm at the Fellowship.

The next **Program Committee** meeting will be March 18th, at 5:00 pm, live/zoom.

Bulletin Board

Treasurer’s Report: Our Pledge income jumped last month to 74% of anticipated primarily due to major contributions coming from Qualified Charitable Contributions. In addition, we received a \$1000 donation from Patagonia via its charitable foundation. Expenses, on the other hand, are running well within our budget for the year.

Chocolate Fiesta: We cleared \$1683 from the Chocolate Fiesta and have sent a contribution in that amount to the League of Women Voters of Laramie.

Building: The Board approved an estimate of \$3500 from Capitol Roofing for another attempt to repair the leak over the entryway.

Memorial Plaque: The Board suggested that the Caring Committee create a simple form for members to nominate deceased members for inclusion on the Memorial Plaque. Robin volunteered to help with this task.

Nominating Committee: Linda Meeker agreed to head up the Nominating Committee in preparation for our annual meeting in May.

Canvass Committee: Jeff Lockwood and Sara Saulcy agreed to head up the Canvass Committee for this Spring’s Pledge campaign. The COM should have finished its recommendation for how best to fulfill our ministry goals before the Pledge Campaign, so any anticipated additional expenses can be included in the proposed budget for 2025-2026.

UUFL Board:

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To reserve the UUFL Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, dperry@uwyo.edu. See the current event calendar on the UUFL website. If you are feeling ill, please attend church services or meetings via zoom.

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 can be contacted.