



# UU Laramie news matters April, 2025

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

## Services for April

### April 6th, 10 am, “Generosity”, led by David Perry

In the second installment of our experiment with worship material from the Touchstones Project, David Perry will read a sermon on generosity. This Sunday will also be the kickoff of our Annual Pledge campaign. Come prepared to be inspired to give generously.

### April 13th, 10 am, “Picking Your Battles”, led by Maya Gilmore

The world seems to offer an almost infinite supply of “battles” – appointments to schedule, letters to write, events to attend. In this roundtable discussion, Maya Gilmore will ask, “Why do we sometimes struggle to let go of certain tasks, plans or even ideals? Is picking our priorities always necessary, and is it always the best course of action?”

### April 20th, 10 am, “The Inspiration of Wind”, led by Jeff Lockwood

Jeff Lockwood will share his thoughts about the wind--that defining feature of our Laramie landscape, which has moved humankind, both literally and figuratively. No other element of nature so dramatically symbolizes our principles of connectedness, tolerance, humility, and empowerment. And we invite you to bring a kite, if you are so moved, to celebrate the wind after the service.

### April 27th, 4:30 pm, “The North American Unitarian Association” led by Ken Chestek and Mike Long

The North American Unitarian Association (NAUA) is a newer UU organization that's growing fast. Mike Long, member of the NAUA board will speak with our congregation via Zoom about the NAUA's philosophy, resources, and programming. Come with questions prepared for a roundtable held in the sanctuary.

*Following the service, there will be a potluck. Bring your own drinks and a dish to share; plates and silverware will be provided.*



**Contemplative Yarns** meets on Saturdays at 1:15 pm at the Fellowship. Please contact Sara Saulcy at [s.saulcy@gmail.com](mailto: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 April:

The next **Board** meeting is April 1st, 5pm at the Fellowship.

The next **Program Committee** meeting will be April 15th, at 5:00 pm, live/zoom.

### **Bulletin Board**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Our pledge income is on track for this far into our fiscal year, and our expenses continue to be below what we anticipated. Details, as always, are available in the Board meeting minutes notebook in the Fellowship office.

**Building:** The Board approved a \$7500 contract with Capitol City Roofing for another attempt at fixing the leak over the entryway.

**Memorial Plaque:** The Board approved a form from the Caring Committee to nominate deceased members/friends to be added to the Memorial Plaque. The form can be submitted by hard copy located in the pamphlet rack, email (see the Caring Committee Note below), or our website: [uularamie.org](http://uularamie.org).

**North American Unitarian Association:** The Board discussed the possibility of joining the North American Unitarian Association as a congregation in addition to our membership in the UUA. This will be a topic for discussion at our annual meeting in May.

**The Budget Subcommittee** of the Canvass Committee (Sara Saulcy, Nan Lockwood and David Perry) met to assemble a proposed budget for next year that will provide for the proposals that came up during our roundtable discussion on the future of ministry at our UUFL. The Pledge drive to fund the proposed budget will kick off on April 6th. Look for a letter in your mailbox.

**Tech Update:** the Board is planning to have our super-tech (Chris Stratton) videorecord formal programs for posting on our UUFL webpage.

### UUFL Board:

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No passcode needed

To reserve the UUFL Building: Contact David Perry, 307 760-7879, [dperry@uwyo.edu](mailto: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](http://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.

**NOTE:** Nomination for the Memorial Plaque. If you would like to nominate a deceased person (member/friend) for inclusion on the plaque, please submit their name, year of death, along with approximate years of association with UUFL and a short reason for their inclusion. You may nominate more than one person. Kindly submit this information to Jim Erdelyi at [erdelyi@wyomail.com](mailto:erdelyi@wyomail.com). Thanks, from the Caring Committee.

### UUFL Aphorisms from March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Service

Faith is like eyeglasses. Your prescription might not work for anyone else.

God is like toenails. We all have them. Sometimes we see them and sometimes we hide them. Their usefulness varies.

Democracy is like kissing. It can be sloppy but it's still good.

Freedom is like a lawn. It only grows if well-tended.

Friendship is like napping. It's best when it doesn't demand advance planning, constant attention or hard work.

Kissing is like faith. There's a lot of hope involved.

Fear is like napping. Sometimes you can't help doing either one but you end up feeling better when it's over.

Friendship is like paint. Sometimes it just plain fades.

Truth is like cooking. Sometimes you need to mix and match to get to the final product.

Intelligence is like underwear. You need to upgrade it lest it wear thin.

