



UU Laramie news matters June, 2025

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

Services for June

June 1st, 10 am “There’s Believing, and There’s Doing”, roundtable discussion led by Dan Elliott
“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead,” the Bible says. Do your principles, empathy, or anger make you want to DO something? We’ll look at words of advice and inspiration from John Lewis and Lao Tzu, William Shakespeare and Learned Hand, Angela Davis, Desmond Tutu, and many others.

June 8th, 10 am, “Flower Ceremony”, formal service led by Barbara Bogart and Jenn Wade
The Flower Ceremony is our annual tribute to the glories of summer. We’ll honor the history of this lovely ritual and celebrate ourselves as a living bouquet. Please bring a flower (or two) from your garden (if possible) to place in the communal vase.

June 15th, 10 am, “Pancakes with Dads”, led by Linda Meeker

June 15 is Pancakes with Dads! Join us for brunch to celebrate the fathers in your life. There will be no regular church service today, but instead relax and enjoy good fellowship, a hearty breakfast prepared by Linda Meeker, with an inevitable litany of groan-worthy Dad jokes. Plates, cups, and flatware will be provided.

June 22nd, 9 am, “Hike to Hidden Falls at Curt Gowdy State Park”, led by Nancy Lockwood

We will meet at the Fellowship parking lot at 9:00 AM and then carpool to Curt Gowdy State Park. Our hike will take us to Hidden Falls along the lovely Crow Creek Trail, a 3.6 mile out-and-back trail.

Curt Gowdy is located 24 miles east of Laramie, Wyoming. Take State Route 210 (Happy Jack Road) to Granite Springs Road and turn right to the fee station; then follow the signs to the Hidden Falls/Crow Creek trail head parking area. A Day use State Park pass for Wyoming State residents is required for entry to the park. For Wyoming residents, the cost is \$7.00 per vehicle; a Wyoming Driver’s License is required to show proof of residency. For non-residents, the fee is \$12.00. Annual Wyoming State Passes are, of course, honored. <https://wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/curt-gowdy>

June 29th, “Come Alive”, formal service led by Christopher Watkins-Lamb, visiting minister

Have you felt those moments when the natural world shifts into a shimmering, wondrous focus? For most of us, these moments of coming alive, of being fully in our animal body, are few and far between. What if coming back into a relationship with the earth requires us to be in our bodies in a profoundly different way? What if being in our animal bodies, deeply engaged with our senses, is the key to belonging and the antidote to the world’s woes?

Christopher (they/them) is an eco-chaplain, song-leader, and spiritual care practitioner in Fort Collins, CO. They currently serve as Chaplain Supervisor at Poudre Valley hospital.

Contemplative Yarns meets on Saturdays at 1:15 pm at the Fellowship. Please contact Sara Sauley 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 June:

The next **Board** meeting is June 3rd at Linda Meeker’s home.

The next **Program Committee** meeting will be June 17th, at 5:00 pm, live/zoom

Bulletin Board

As of May 5th, we had received over 98% of anticipated pledges, and expenses were around 70% of budgeted. Thus, we expect to end the year with a budget surplus. The Board also approved a proposal to have James Apronti convene an Adult RE class starting next Fall.

The proposed budget for next year includes \$4,000 for Guest Speakers/Ministers and \$3,000 for potential Ministerial short-term residencies or internships in accordance with the priorities that were proposed by the COM after a listening session earlier in the Spring. Overall, we have ample reserves to cover any potential part-time ministerial candidates should they become available.

At the May 18th annual meeting, the congregation voted on the slate of candidates that included Dan Elliott for the Board, Nancy Lockwood for the Committee on Ministry, and Madeline Dalrymple for the Endowment Committee. The Congregation also voted to join the North American Unitarian Association.

The June Board meeting is our traditional New Board/Old Board casual get together over dinner, this year at Linda Meeker’s house on June 3rd at 5PM. The officers for the 2025/2026 Board will be decided at that time.

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Meeting ID: 2907005294

No passcode needed

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.

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 or by filling out the hard copy form located on the rack in the social hall. Thanks, from the Caring Committee.