



UU Laramie news matters August, 2024

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

Services for August

August 4th, 10 am, “Brilliant Sanity” led by Catie Ballard.

Join the round table discussion this morning with Catie Ballard diving into the Buddhist Understanding of Brilliant Sanity. What it is? How do we recognize it, return to it, become it? What gets in the way?

August 11th, 10 am, “Poetry for Humans” led by Linda Meeker.

The summer poetry Sunday with Linda returns! A pencil and paper is all you need to join in the fun of word play and creativity. Don’t have a paper or pencil? Come anyway, we’ll have extra. Never wrote poetry? No experience required! Do you struggle to get started? Prompts and ideas will be provided. Come for the camaraderie, stay for the coffee.

August 18th, 10 am, “Clean-up Sunday” with members and friends.

As the summer draws to a close, let’s spruce up the building inside and out. Bring gloves, rakes, buckets and rags, weed-whackers, edgers, pruning shears and trash bags. Coffee and treats await!

August 25th, 10 am, “Water Communion”

In our annual close-of-the-summer ritual, we celebrate returning to community after our summer wanderings. Bring a small amount of water from your travels or your home to help fill the communal bowl.

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Meeting ID: 2907005294
No passcode needed



Members and friends who would like to offer words/prayers of support for Ethan Lockwood, please go to the Caring Bridge website and sign up to share your messages with Ethan, Jeff and Nancy. Ethan was in a horrific accident about 2 weeks ago and is slowly healing.

Contemplative Yarns meets on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. 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 August:

The next Board meeting is on August 7th, 5pm at the Fellowship. The next Program Committee meeting will be on August 15th at 5:15 pm, live/zoom.

Bulletin Board

July 10th’s Board meeting was essentially a joint session with the Committee on Ministry to plan how we will assess the congregation’s needs and desires for ministry and what model will best fill that need. COM will take the lead and a separate message regarding the process we envisioned will come from them. See below.

To the Fellowship from COM

After the departure of our part-time minister, UUFL is embarking on a time of intentional introspection and conversation about how to create the fellowship we want. Over the next few months, we'll be gathering your thoughts and ideas, synthesizing those ideas into a plan, and then implementing that plan.

The Board of Trustees and the Committee on Ministry will organize this conversation, but the members will decide the content and the direction. The conversation will take many forms, both formal and informal. Among other things:

1. We hope to have at least one guest speaker a month talk about ministry: What it is, how it is accomplished, and so on.
2. We plan to devote a brief portion of each week's round table conversation to takeaways from the previous week's service. These discussions will help us to identify and distill the ideas and actions we most want in our religious life.
3. You can send ideas and suggestions to Dan Elliott (peak14259@gmail.com) or Rich Barrans (rich.barrans@gmail.com), who are members of the Committee on Ministry.
4. You can pull us aside and chat with us informally - although we're likely to ask you to jot your thoughts down in an email so we have an accurate record of them.

We - all of our members and friends - will likely come up with other ways to have this conversation. The goal is to have a free and open discussion so everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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 Saulcy can be contacted.