

Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:15 to 11:30 am)

May 6 – Doug Wood – New Books and a Few Songs

He is an author, illustrator, musician, naturalist, wilderness guide, “Minnesota’s renaissance man. He is the creator of the award winning classic children’s book *Old Turtle*. He publishes critically acclaimed adult titles like *Deep Woods*, *Wild Waters* and *Paddle Whispers*. His two new books are, “Old Turtle: Questions of the Heart” and a new adult book “Deep Woods, Wild Waters: A Memoir” Doug communicates through words and music the inspiration to be found in nature—not as a place to visit, but a place to call home.



May 13 – Youth Homelessness

On any given night in the state of Minnesota, 6,000 youth are experiencing homelessness. Alisha Olson, LSW, is a program manager at The Bridge for Youth, a nonprofit that operates a 24/7 emergency shelter program for youth ages 10-17. Alisha currently is working on her Masters Program at Augsburg University, and will be presenting on the impacts of homelessness for youth, and what it looks like within our community. To really understand the issues we will briefly look at the other systems that impact specifically youth homelessness. Also this morning, the Child Dedication of Josephine Rose Chaffee.



May 20 – Be the Match; National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP)

For the thousands of people diagnosed every year with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, a cure exists. Over the past 25 years Be The Match®, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), has managed the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. They work every day to save lives through transplant. Judy Bloom-Martinez is retiring from Be The Match – her work included being a conduit between donors and recipients. She has traveled extensively to deliver or pickup stem cell products.

May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend – No Program at Pilgrim House



June 3 – Flower Communion and Annual Meeting

Bring a flower from your garden to add to the fellowship bouquet, reflecting the beauty of our diversity and what each of us individually brings to it. Take home a flower from the fellowship representing what the fellowship gives back to each of us. This is a program begun in Czechoslovakia that has been held annually before our summer recess for many years. This is will be a short program followed by the Pilgrim House

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the main hall followed by a taco bar lunch in the fellowship room hosted by the Pilgrim House Board of Directors. Hear a review of last year, plans for next year, and volunteer opportunities, approve a budget, and elect a chair for 2019-2020. See article below.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House – South Africa. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter. See article below.

Saturday, May 5, 6:00pm – Night Out Supper. Contact Fred or Carol Green.

Monday, May 7, 2:40pm – Program Committee Meeting. Contact Lollie Jensen. All are welcome.

Monday, May 14, 7:00pm – PH Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Dick Shelton.

Sunday, May 20, 12:00pm – Sunday Stories at Pilgrim House – Fred Green. All are welcome. Contact Gary Borg.

Thursday, May 24, 5:30pm – Book Club meets at Jane and Rob King's. The book is "The Oregon Trail" by Rinker Buck. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

Sunday, June 3, after the program – Annual meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Dick Shelton. See below.

Monday, June 3, 2018, after the annual meeting – Brief Pilgrim House Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Gardner.

Monday, June 4 – Friday, June 8 – Bike trip on the Root River Trail. Contact Darlene Joyce.

Thursday, June 7, 4:00pm – Connie Sandberg Memorial Service at Pilgrim House.

Sunday, June 24, 11:00am – Pride Parade in downtown Minneapolis. All are welcome. Contact Fred Green.

Sunday, July 8, 2:00pm – Pilgrim House attends "Secrets of the Congdon Mansion" at the History Theater. Contact Mel or Kathy Aanerud by May 20 for tickets. See article below.

Thursday, July 26, 5:30pm – Annual Book Club summer picnic at Cynthia and Wayne LeBlanc's. The book is *The Big Marsh* by Cheri Register.

Sunday, July 29, 10:00am-2:00pm – Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors to support the Community Support Center, note Location Change: Silver View Park, County Road I & Silver Lake Road, Mounds View. All are welcome. Contact Fred Green. See article below.

Monday, August 13, 2018, 7:00pm – PH Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Gardner.

Sunday, August 26 – Newsletter information due. Contact Fred Green.

Pilgrim House

We seek to carry out the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of churches and fellowships, with which we are affiliated. These principles affirm the worth of everyone, freedom and the right of conscience in search of truth, encouragement of one another's spiritual growth, and the wonder and mystery of the web of all life. Membership in Pilgrim House is open to everyone who is in sympathy with our purposes and principles and wants to join.

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Pilgrim's Progress (Pilgrim House Newsletter)

If you have any items for the newsletter, please contact:

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PILGRIM HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING

June 3 – Save the date and please plan to attend!

June 3rd is our final meeting before changing to our summer, monthly programs. We will be combining the Flower Communion program with the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is the opportunity to elect officers for the coming year, and vote on the Pilgrim House budget, and briefly discuss our goals for the coming year. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Opening Words – Dick Shelton

Approve Agenda for Annual Meeting – Dick Shelton

Approve Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting – Dick Shelton

Chair comments/summary of the year – Dick Shelton

Treasurer's Report – Susan Setter

Review the Balance Sheet, as of May 31, 2018.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

Membership

Social Action

Children's Religious Education

Finance

Program

Congregational Care

Technology

Connections

Outgoing chair, Dick Shelton, passes the gavel to new chair, Michelle Gardner

Board Membership for Coming Year – Michelle Gardner

Present the slate of officers: Chair-elect,
Secretary, Treasurer
Nominations from the floor
Vote
Present candidates for the Standing Committee chairs (for approval at next board meeting).
Present At Large candidates (for approval at next board meeting)

Call for/Nominations for Delegates to the UU General Assembly Kansas City, MO, Jun 20-24, 2018

Treasurer – 2018-2019 Budget

Review the proposed budget for 2018 – 2019 fiscal year
Motion to approve new budget

Closing Words – Michelle Gardner

RE CORNER

The Children's Religious Education committee is seeking a volunteer R.E. chair for 2018-2019. This is a board position and does not require teaching. We are also seeking committee members who are interested in the direction of the program and/or being substitute teachers. Please contact Katrina Edenfeld or Ben Chiri if interested.

GREAT DECISIONS AT PILGRIM HOUSE

May 3 – South Africa

The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. It faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties, even as intraparty divisions surface. Given America's history of opportunistic engagement with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship between the two countries. Meanwhile, a weaker ANC could lead to political fragmentation in this relatively new democracy.

Our speaker will be Gary Prevost, professor of political science and international relations at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Prevost is the author of numerous books and articles on revolutionary parties and social movements, including, most recently, "Social Movements and Leftist Governments in Latin America: Confrontation or Co-optation?" He has written extensively on U.S.-Cuban relations including "United States-Cuban Relations-A Critical History".

PILGRIM HOUSE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Held during July and August at 10:15am at Pilgrim House.

July 15 – The Minnesota Opera

Have you ever been to an opera, but wish you knew more about it? Join us for a fun and interactive presentation by artists from Minnesota Opera. Through live performance and engaging lecture, these artists will walk you through the history of opera, the people who make it happen, and a day in the life of an opera singer. Whether you are an opera lover or an opera newbie, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about opera from the source itself.

Presented by Pablo Siqueiros, Teaching Artist, Minnesota Opera.

August 5 – Backyard Bird Watching – Enjoying and Learning



This presentation will be a fun filled event for the whole family. We will explore the varieties of birds you might find in your own backyard and their unique characteristics. It will be an interactive event filled with humor, knowledge and prizes.

Louis Asher and his wife, Lisa Wersal, live in a house which opens up to a wetland in the back – a prime situation for bird watching. However anyone can enjoy our winged friends from a typical yard, park or nature center. Louis retired from 3M Co. (in St. Paul, Minnesota) in 2008 after 39 years and has now devoted time to volunteer on environmental protection issues as well as to enjoy nature. He was president of the St. Paul Audubon Society for two years (2011 – 2013) and is an active member.

SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Pride Parade – June 24, 11am in downtown

Minneapolis. March with Pilgrim House and other UUs for LBGT justice. More details will be emailed when they are available.

The Walk A Mile for Our Neighbors – Sunday, July 29 from 10am – 2pm, Silver View Park, County Road I & Silver Lake Road, Mounds View (*note location change*).

This a fundraiser for the Community Support Center (CSC) which Pilgrim House supports. No contribution is required (money is provided by walk sponsors – Pilgrim House is a sponsor). You may purchase raffle tickets at the walk. CSC provides assistance to people who need help to stay in their homes. CSC provides small amounts of financial assistance to clients, and volunteers work with the clients to develop a plan to attain financial stability to enable them to continue to have a home.

PILGRIM HOUSE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND HISTORY THEATER JULY 8

Following the recent Sunday program at Pilgrim House with Joe Kimball, author of *Secrets of the Congdon Mansion*, many were intrigued with the thought of attending the History Theater's repeat musical this summer "Glensheen" which is based on the book. (See description below.)

A clipboard was passed, and based on interest we've reserved a block of tickets for Sunday, July 8, 2:00 pm -- main floor, front, center. If you're not on the clipboard but would like to be, let us know by May 20 so that we can complete the final purchase. You can then make payment to us by the annual meeting on June 3. Some are attending for a second or third time.

From the History Theater website: "The blockbuster hit musical returns to History Theatre this July!

The year was 1977. An heiress, kind and generous, is found dead in her bed. Her night nurse, lying lifeless on the staircase. A robbery? A clumsy break-in? A conspiracy? A scandal! The Congdon family tragedy splashed across the headlines of every newspaper in Minnesota. But what really happened on that fateful night at the Glensheen Mansion? Whodunit?

Witness this dark musical that tackles the tale with wicked dialogue and evocative music."

Mel and Kathy Aanerud

ASK AN EDITOR!

Lisa Wersal is putting together a follow-up program on writing letters to the editor. (Her earlier talk was in September, 2012.) In preparation for her presentation, she will have the opportunity to interview David Banks, Assistant Commentary Editor of the StarTribune. If you have questions regarding the opinion pages, send them to Lisa, and she will try to get as many questions answered as time allows in the interview.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night is a casual event at Pilgrim House. You and guests can come and play cards and board games as well as pool and ping pong. If you are interested in a Game Night or two over the summer, please contact Curt Corum.

MN FOODSHARE MONTH AT RALPH REEDER FOOD SHELF

Minnesota FoodShare in March was a huge success thanks to all of your efforts, personal support and donations from the larger community. The food shelf

received nearly 107,328.26 pounds of food and dollars combined – up about 10% over last year!

Pilgrim House supports the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf in New Brighton with volunteers and donations of food and money. Your contributions are included the above totals.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KANSAS CITY -- JUNE 20-24

April 30 is Deadline for Reduced Registration Fee

As we've been sharing in previous newsletters, General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Workshops, connections, memorable music, keynote speakers and policy-making for the UUA.

There are funds in the Pilgrim House budget to reimburse registration fees for our two voting delegates. Let Dick Shelton or Mel Aanerud know of your interest in attending. The registration fees increase on May 1.

General Assembly info available

at: <https://www.uua.org/ga>-- including hotel discounts, schedule of events, special programs, sights and sounds of Kansas City, and more.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME HERE

We enjoy the friends and visitors who join us for Sunday programs. If you're ready to go the next step of becoming a Member of Pilgrim House, we would enjoy talking with you and scheduling an Orientation/Introduction to Pilgrim House.

Mel and Kathy Aanerud

Membership Committee

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