

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



**January 3 – Cemeteries of Minnesota by Doug Ohman**

Doug Ohman, photographer, who has been to Pilgrim House many times with his “Photographs of ... in Minnesota” returns with a proposed book of the Cemeteries of Minnesota.

**January 10 – *Her Honor*: Rosalie Wahl**

Lori Sturdevant the columnist and author bring us the story of the first woman Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and Lori's new book about her called *Her Honor*.



**January 17 – Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**

Julia Schmitz, a member of Pilgrim House who works at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, will tell us about the important work of this organization.

**January 24 – Racial Justice: A Journey Towards Waking Up, Catching Up, and Showing Up**

Reverend Andrea Johnson, who has been at Pilgrim House before, will present a program entitled Racial Justice: A journey towards waking up, catching up and showing up. Andrea Johnson is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, MN. She is a member of First Universalist Church in Minneapolis where she is active on the Pastoral Care Team, facilitating small groups and becoming a Racial Justice trainer.

**January 31 – Corporate Personhood or Democracy**

Through decisions of the judiciary, the 14th Amendment has been co-opted to give corporations the inalienable rights that the U.S. Constitution meant for human beings; albeit white, male landowners at the time it was adopted. Though more people have been granted these rights through amendments, more recently, the courts have also been finding those rights for corporations.

We will explore this history and discuss the developing movement to reject the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United and other related cases, and amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.

The speaker will be Barbara Gerten, Co-Chair of the Minnesota Move To Amend State Network.



**February 7 – Reiki – presented by Mary Jo Feely**

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 10, 12:00pm – Program Committee Meeting at PH: Contact Lollie Jensen.**

**Thursday, January 14, 7:00pm – Pilgrim House Board meeting at PH.** All are welcome.

**Sunday, January 17, 11:50am – Sunday Stories at Pilgrim House.** Ellen Shelton will share her personal story. See article below.

**Thursday, January 28, 5:30pm – Book Club meets at Darlene Joyce's.** The book will be *The Witches* by Stacy Schiff.

**Thursday, February 4, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House.** Note that Great Decisions does not meet in January.

## RE CORNER

### Winter Classes

The curricula for the Searchers/Explorers will be Other Faiths and Festivities of the Northern Hemisphere. The teachers will be Carol Green and Curt Corum or Katrina Edenfeld. Plans for this class are being formulated.

### Final Report on Adopt-A-Shelter

For the last several years the Children's Religious Education Program has raised funds and gone shopping to help provide Christmas cheer for the Alexandra House battered women's shelter. Thank you for making a donation. Five Hundred dollars was collected. Any funds remaining after Christmas Shopping expenses will be used to purchase plants for the Alexandra House garden to be planted in May.

Carol Green, Member Children's Religious Education Committee

## Annual PH Auction

The PH auction is scheduled for March 6 after Soup Sunday. The auction, held each year at Pilgrim House, accounts for the largest single influx of dollars after the pledges by individual members.



We need items to be donated to auction – An auction page on which items can be viewed and new items entered will be created on the PH website. This page will be created in mid-January. A userid is required to view the auction page – any valid PH userid will work – contact Fred Green if you have questions. Note that, once an item has been entered, it cannot be deleted or edited. Contact Fred if a correction is needed. There will be a sign-up sheet at PH.

## 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

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

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**Material for the next Newsletter is due Sunday, January 24 (always the next to the last Sunday).**

Auction volunteers are also needed – contact Jean Strait or sign up at PH if you are interested.

The best items generally are services or homemade – babysitting, tours, making furniture, dinners in your home, baked items, performances, and crafts. If you have other things about the house that still have value, they may have value to someone at the auction. There will be a table of “buy it now” items on auction day.

If you have items which have significant value, but probably will get much less than they are worth in the auction, consider selling them on eBay and designating the money to go to PH via the eBay Giving Works program. PH has joined Giving Works and has a page at <http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/pilgrim-house-unitarian-universalist-fellowship/65207/>. This page explains the program and what you need to do to donate.

It is Soup Sunday – our meal will be homemade soups. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Updates from members:

Connie Sandberg has a new home following retirement. She sent holiday greetings to Pilgrim House from her new address in Palm Desert, California! We enjoyed having Connie as a member, along with her mother Faith, and her daughter Julia who taught Pilgrim House pre-schoolers. Connie's new address is now in the Pilgrim House directory.

Mary and Rick Beckman of Harris sent regrets that due to life changes they don't foresee being able to activate their Pilgrim House membership as they had intended when first visiting with Karen (Dobson) Barnard. We will therefore update our membership records accordingly.

Our current membership count is now 87.

For visitors who may be considering membership in Pilgrim House, or who just want to know more about our congregation, we have an Orientation/Introduction to Pilgrim House program. It's about 30 - 45 minutes in length, depending upon group size and discussion. Topics include:

- A Brief History of Pilgrim House
- Our Unitarian Universalist Connection
- The Fellowship Experience
- Getting Involved as a Volunteer
- Our Finances
- Children's Religious Education
- Being a Member or Friend of Pilgrim House

We can set an individual time with you, or we can let you know when a group time is being organized. Just let us know of your interest.

Mel and Kathy Aanerud  
Membership Committee

### BOOK CLUB RECOMMENDED BOOKS

At the December PH Book Club meeting and Holiday Party, members recommended the following books:

Following is a list of books talked about at the party. I Sharon – *The Hummingbird* by Stephen Kiernan

Susan – *Wild Girl* by Jim Fergus

Bob – *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Don – *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

Fred – *Silent Creed* by Alex Kava

Judy R. – *When Books Went to War* by Molly Manning

Rob – *Dear Committee Members* by Julie Schumacher

Jane – *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast

Candy – *Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman

Wayne – *Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs* by Lisa

Randall and *The Courage to Act* by Ben Bernanke

Darlene – *Skis Against the Atom* by Knut Haukelid

Laura – *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis Bernieres, *Shipping News* by Annie Proux, *Early Stories of Truman Capote*, *Stories From the Shadows Reflections of a Street Doctor* by James O'Connell

Carol – *All My Father's Wives* and *All You Could Ask For* by Mike Greenberg

Dee – *Road to Character* by David Brooks

Cynthia – *Circling The Sun* by Paula McLain and *Rosemary The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Larson (also recommended by Laura)

### BOOK MENTIONED DURING THE DECEMBER 6 PROGRAM *THE MINNESOTA INNOCENCE PROJECT*

The book mentioned by Cynthia LeBlanc is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. It's an excellent book and very readable.

### SUNDAY STORIES

The monthly Sunday story time has been changed to the third Sunday of the month running through May. For January 17<sup>th</sup>, Ellen Shelton will be telling her story. We want to start by 11:50 and finish by 12:30. We have had a good turnout for the two previous story times.

We will be contacting people to tell their stories for future Sundays.

The suggested areas for the storyteller to cover are:

#### 1. Your Background

Tell us something about where you grew up, your family background, and what influenced you growing up.

#### 2. Your Journey

Tell us about the paths your life has taken. This is a big topic! What were some of the influences and important events on your journey? You may also chose to share the principles and values you have either accepted or decided to reject. What influenced you to be drawn to Unitarianism and/or Pilgrim House?

#### 3. Here and Beyond

What is important in your life now? What is important to you as you look forward?

Contact Cynthia LeBlanc, Les Rogers, Mary Carlson or Gary Borg if you have questions or comments.

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