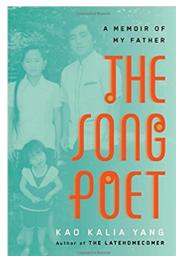


Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:15 to 11:30 am)

November 5 – Health Care for All Minnesota

Ann Jones is an RN and speaks for Health Care for All Minnesota, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting affordable high quality healthcare for every Minnesotan through advocacy, education and community organizing. She covers the history of health care (how did we get here) and exposes some misconceptions and tries to say something about what we ought to do now.



November 12 – The Song Poet

Kao Kalia Yang is a writer, who was last at Pilgrim House in 2008. She is the author of the award-winning book, *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*, and her new book, *The Song Poet*. She is a graduate of Carleton College and Columbia University's School of the Arts. Kao Kalia Yang is a member of the Hmong ethnic minority. Born in Thailand's Ban Vinai Refugee Camp, she is now an American citizen. *The Song Poet* has won the Minnesota book award and was the October Pilgrim House Book Club read.

November 19 – Traditional Pilgrim House Thanksgiving Celebration

Our PH Thanksgiving program is a not-to-be-missed time of celebration and community, bringing together Pilgrim House members and friends with special music, a performance by the Pilgrim House Chorale, seasonal readings and poetry... and more. If you or younger members of your family have a musical selection you'd like to share, please contact Bill Rohde by Sunday 11/12. Similarly, if you have a reading you'd like to share, please contact Mel Aanerud. And don't forget to bring a dish to pass for our traditional pot luck feast immediately after the program. See you there!



November 26 – Your Favorite Read

Share those books that you really enjoy and hope others would enjoy too. Contact Lollie Jensen to be put onto the program.

December 3 – Minnesota goes to World War I and the Aftermath

Minnesota troops left Fort Snelling this week 100 year ago. The Pilgrim House Players will conduct us into the war, Minnesota's reaction to it, and some results of the war. It was not, as they had hoped, the War to end all Wars.



CALENDAR

Thursday, November 2, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House – Foreign Policy and Petroleum. See article below. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter.

Saturday, November 4, 6:00pm – Harvest Fest at Pilgrim House -- Potluck supper at 6:00pm; barn dance at 7:00 with live music and a dance caller. Family-friendly event! Contact: Michelle Gardner. Bring non-perishable food items or cash/checks for food shelf. See article below.

Saturday, November 11, 10:00am – First Thanksgiving Pilgrim House Chorale Practice at Bill and Judy Rohde's. All singers, high school through adult, are welcome to join in the singing fun. No tryouts, no pressure, just a good time gathering and singing together as we begin preparations for the 11/19 Pilgrim House Thanksgiving Program.

Saturday, November 11, 6:00pm – Night Out Supper. Contact Fred or Carol Green.

Monday, November 13, 7:00pm – PH Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Dick Shelton.

Saturday, November 18, 10:00am – Final Thanksgiving Pilgrim House Chorale Practice at Bill and Judy Rohde's. Singers, both high school and adult, join together in song for this final Pilgrim House Chorale practice prior to our special 11/19 Pilgrim House Thanksgiving program.

Sunday, November 19 – Newsletter information due. Contact Fred Green.

Thursday, November 23, 1:00pm – Thanksgiving Dinner at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Katrina Edenfeld. See article below.

Thursday, November 30, 5:30pm – Book Club annual holiday gathering at the LeBlanc's. We do not have a specific title to read for this month. Instead please share with the group a book that you have read and enjoyed. Guests are welcome. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The R.E. students, teachers, and parents all got lost in a huge corn maze at Waldoch Farm on Sunday, October 8, as a community-building event. We also enjoyed the pumpkin patch, petting zoo, and other activities.

We are continuing to refine our plans week by week due to busy schedules of both students and volunteers. We will involve the youth in the Sunday Seekers program throughout the year to assist with stories, crafts, and playtime.

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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If you have any questions about the R.E. program, please contact Katrina Edenfeld or Ben Chiri.

HARVEST FEST AT PILGRIM HOUSE!

It's almost here – for all ages.

Saturday evening, November 4 –

A potluck supper begins at 6:00 pm; and the barn dance begins at 7:00. Live music will be provided by Ken Steffenson and his musical friends. A dance caller will provide instructions for all to join in easy-to-learn circle dancing – or simply sit back and enjoy some great music.

You can sign-up at Pilgrim House, or send a note to membership@pilgrimhouseuua.org to help us better plan for the event -- but walk-ins welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!

No admission charge -- but we encourage you to **bring food items or cash/checks for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.** Let's fill a bountiful basket of items.

Michelle Gardner, Les Rogers, and the Harvest Fest Committee

GREAT DECISIONS NOVEMBER 2 – FOREIGN POLICY AND PETROLEUM 7:00pm at Pilgrim House

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called "energy revolution," the U.S. today is by no means disentangled



from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.

Our speaker will be Jeffrey Anderson, Associate Professor in the Peace Studies Department at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict's since 1992. His research specialties include international development, global environmental issues, global health, and science and technology policy. He holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from American University in Washington, D.C.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER AT PILGRIM HOUSE

We will continue the tradition of a Thanksgiving Day dinner at Pilgrim House, at 1PM on Thursday, November 23. This is a casual, fun event with great food, conversation, and games. Watch for a signup sheet at PH, and please contact Katrina Edenfeld if you have any questions.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Pilgrim House members have been participating in the Guest At Your Table program for many years. I encourage all of our families to participate, but especially those with young children. I encourage your family to take a box to put on your table and to put in some change at each meal. This is a symbolic sharing of what we have with others. This year Pilgrim House will have Guest At Your Table boxes and other information available at the Thanksgiving celebration and collect the boxes and donation envelopes at the Holiday Program.

The following is the description of this year's program from the UUSC website:

What is Guest at Your Table?

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) annual program to raise support for and awareness about our work to advance human rights. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries, with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. GAYT is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the "guests" in Guest at Your Table.

Guest at Your Table 2017-18

UUSC's grassroots partners make a big difference in their communities, and so does your participation in GAYT. That is why this year's program theme is *Small Change is Big Change*.

Carol Green, Past Chair

WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thanks so much to everyone who donated coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to the recent Social Concerns Network Coat Drive. The efforts of this consortium of north suburban churches benefited needy residents in our community.

Also, thanks to Sharon Borg, Mary Carlson and Susan Setter who helped sort donations.

2017 results:

Total coats collected: 600

Total coats distributed on Saturday: 266

Remainder to other locations: Irondale, Tanzanian seminary students, CEAP

(In 2016 we collected 625 coats and distributed 425 on Saturday)

Details:

Adult coats collected: 384

Adult coats distributed on Saturday: 130

Not helped: 3

Children's coats collected: 216

Children's coats distributed on Saturday: 136

Not helped: 7

ALEXANDRA HOUSE WALK A SUCCESS!



Team Pilgrim House participated in the Alexandra House annual Walk for Hope event on September 30, 2017. According to the Alexandra House Newsletter, nearly 500 people were in attendance, and over \$40,000 was raised in support of Alexandra House and its mission. The walk serves to remember victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as bring community awareness to violence prevention efforts.



**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME HERE!**

We enjoy the friends and visitors who join us for Sunday programs. If you're ready to

consider going the next step of becoming a member of Pilgrim House, we would enjoy talking with you.

Membership in Pilgrim House Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is open to all who would like to support and share in the life and programs of Pilgrim House. If you haven't yet been offered a Membership Card, or have a card and want some additional information, let us know.

Also, if you haven't yet attended an Orientation/Introduction to Pilgrim House, we'd be happy to schedule one for you.

Please feel free to call on us.

Kathy and Mel Aanerud, Membership Committee

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