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December 2017

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

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

The First Minnesotan troops left Fort Snelling on December 1, 1917, just one hundred years ago. Learn how the war to end all wars got started, how we got in, how Minnesotans saw it and what were the results. The Pilgrim House players will allow us to hear from Alice O'Brien, Woodrow Wilson, the Zimmerman Telegram, and F. Scott Fitzgerald with lots of period music.



December 10 – Empathy Through Storytelling

Stephanie Glaros is a teaching artist, author, and speaker based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Stephanie Glaros has spent the past seven years interviewing and photographing strangers for her storytelling project, "Humans of Minneapolis".

Through her work, she has learned the importance of listening to others. She believes that the things we share in common are more powerful than the things that divide us. In her presentation, Glaros talks about her practice and offers tips for how to better connect with others in your daily life.

December 17 – Pilgrim House Holiday Celebration!

Please join us for our always-special intergenerational PH holiday program, complete with group caroling, favorite holiday readings, seasonal music, a performance by the PH Chorale, a special guest (possibly from the far north), favorite foods, and more. Contact Bill Rohde or Mel Aanerud by December 10th if you or the youth in your household have special music, a reading, or something else to share.



December 24 – No program (Christmas Eve)



December 31 – Your Favorite Picture

This is your opportunity to tell us about your favorite photograph. Show the group what you have seen through the lens, or bring someone else's picture that you find worth sharing.

We will project your photos on the screen and you will have several minutes to tell about the images. It might be a photo from your travels this year, a family photograph, or it might be someone else's art work that speaks to you. Each person can share up to three photos – your time slot will depend on how many people participate.

If you would like to be part of the program, email photos (.jpg file) to Les Rogers by December 23. Contact Les if you have questions or need technical help.

January 7 – Minnesota from the Road

Doug Ohman is a photographer who has done the series of books – Churches, Cabins, Libraries, Courthouses, Schoolhouses, etc. of Minnesota. He has been at Pilgrim House many times and returns with another program.



CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House: The Future of Europe. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter. See article below.

Saturday, December 9th, 10:00am –The Pilgrim House Chorale will hold its first December Holiday Program practice at Bill and Judy Rohde's home. All adults, high school and college students who like to sing are invited to participate. If you're relatively new to PH and/or haven't sung with the Chorale before, we especially urge you to come and join in the fun. See you there!

Monday, December 11, 7:00pm – Pilgrim House Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Dick Shelton.

Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 am – The Pilgrim House Chorale meets for its final December Holiday Program practice. We'll again meet at Bill and Judy Rohde's. All adults, high school and college students who like to sing are welcome to join.

Sunday, December 24 – Newsletter information due. Contact Fred Green.

Saturday, December 30, 11:00am – Knitting and Crocheting Day at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Mary Ryan. See article below.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The Sunday Seekers class will transition between teachers in December. We would like to thank Kristin Luke for her caring and cheerful service for the past 18 months, and welcome Isabelle Hoag to the R.E. committee and classroom! Isabelle has a background in elementary education and has subbed for the Sunday Seekers on occasion. On Sunday, December 3, Kristin and Isabelle will work together with our youngest students, and after that, Isabelle will be the primary instructor. As always, volunteers in the classroom are much appreciated.

All students in attendance on Sunday, November 26 will go shopping for Alexandra House in our annual "adopt a shelter" community support project. If you have students in the program, please be sure that a field trip permission slip has been submitted. Looking ahead, we will have another field trip in January for our annual

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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community-building bowling day for all R.E. students and their parents.

In 2016-17, the youth contributed to PH by assisting with snack cleanup each Sunday. This year, we have two youth who will contribute by playing music... more details to follow!

We have had several families visiting in the past month – welcome to Pilgrim House! We are happy to give you a tour of the classrooms at any time, and to talk with you about the program.

Katrina Edenfeld and Ben Chiri.

GREAT DECISIONS DECEMBER 7 – THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

7:00pm at Pilgrim House

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years but now faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

Our speaker will be Mary Curtin, who joined the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota as Diplomat-in-Residence in 2013 after a twenty-five-year career as a Department of State Foreign Service Officer. As Diplomat-in-Residence, she teaches courses in foreign policy and diplomacy.

During her Foreign Service Career, she served at the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels; as Political

Counselor in Warsaw, Poland; and at missions in Tunisia, Mali, and Chile, as well as in Washington, D.C. Dr. Curtin earned a Ph.D. in History from Columbia University, writing her dissertation on "Hubert H. Humphrey and the Politics of the Cold War, 1943-1954," she has a Masters in Security Studies from the Army War College, and a BA from the University of Notre Dame. She speaks French, Polish, and Spanish.

KNITTING/ CROCHETING DAY

Carol Green and Mary Ryan are organizing a knitting/crocheting day at Pilgrim House. It will be Saturday Dec. 30th at 11:00. The Heart Association is collecting hats for babies and preemies to be donated to the hospitals. They are looking for red hats. Please come and knit/crochet with us for the day. Bring your own bag lunch and drink and we'll see how many hats we can make. We have the patterns. Crochet hook size K or 6.5 mm and worsted weight yarn. You can check with Carol for the needle sizes.

Cotton or acrylic yarn for the hats.

If you have any questions you can call me at 612/751-0573. We hope to see you there!

Mary Ryan

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 has Guest At Your Table boxes and other information available at Pilgrim House and will 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

[The following two articles are from the November UU Bulletin.]

UPDATE ON UUA DISASTER RELIEF FUND

In the wake of devastating hurricanes and fires, in the last six weeks the UUA Disaster Relief Fund has funded \$80,000 in block grants to UU congregations and organizations. These grants are helping rebuild buildings, provide food, shelter and transportation for people in need, and support local on-the-ground partners in the affected areas. Impacted congregations and UU organizations are encouraged to apply for block grants from the fund to help support their people and partners. Taking care of one another during times of crisis is an important component of our UU faith. Thank you to all who have donated to these funds already. To donate today, visit our website.

COMMON READ DISCUSSION GUIDES

The UUA Common Read offers two books for 2017-2018, and discussion guides for both are now available.

Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, edited by Mitra Rahnema, shares stories, analysis, and insights of UU religious leaders of color. The discussion guide for Centering was written by Aisha Hauser and Gail Forsyth-Vail.

Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, examines the reality of our democracy today and sounds a call for civic action. The discussion guide was created by Susan Lawrence.

Both guides, in one- and three-session formats, can be downloaded for free from the UUA Common Read web page <https://www.uua.org/books/read>. The page also provides a video from an event at the UUA Boston headquarters where Lappé and Eichen discussed how they came to write Daring Democracy and their hopes for a new movement.

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.

Kathy and Mel Aanerud, Membership Committee
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