

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

March 4 – Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

There will be a program on the legislative aims of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition and an invitation for any and all to participate in a day on the hill to meet with your state legislative delegation and convince them that the aims of this coalition, of Jewish, Lutheran, Catholic and Unitarian Universalist congregations, is worth their votes. Last year over 600 people attended. We are looking to increase that number and hopefully have more influence. Additionally, there will be some ideas on how to be more effective at lobbying your state legislators.

This will be a shortened program, so we can have lunch and start the auction (see article below) by noon.



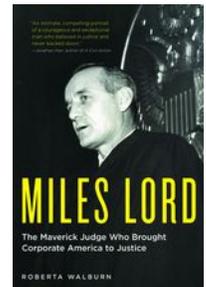
PROJECTZAWADI

March 11 – Project Zawadi

Project Zawadi's mission is to support Tanzanian children in achieving their desired educational goals in order to live fulfilling and productive lives. Project Zawadi pursues this mission by working to significantly improve educational quality, safety and access for students in our program area. Through a network of local Tanzanian teachers, Counselors, students and families get the support they need for success.

March 18 – Miles Lord

Roberta Walburn is an attorney and author of the new book *Miles Lord: The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America to Justice*. This is the story of Miles Lord (1919–2016) who rose from humble beginnings on Minnesota's Iron Range to become one of the most colorful and powerful judges in the country, described as "an unabashed Prairie populist" and "a live-wire slayer of corporate behemoths, he came of age alongside a cadre of young Midwestern social-gospel progressives, including Hubert H. Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy, and Walter Mondale.



March 25 – America and the World after Trump

Tom Hanson is former Foreign Service Officer who has spoken at Pilgrim House several times, both as part of the Great Decisions programs as well as on Sunday mornings. Tom is one of the most sought-after commentators on Foreign Policy in the Twin Cities.

He will discuss his view of the dramatic changes made by the Trump administration to our international alliances, trade agreements, and moral leadership around the world.

April 1 – Our Traditional Spring Celebration

We are looking for members of the fellowship who would like to be part of the program. If you sing, play an instrument, dance, act, write and/or tell good stories, contact Mel Aanerud and/or Bill Rohde to be part of the program.



CALENDAR

Thursday, March 1, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House – China's Geopolitics. See article below. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter.

Saturday, March 3, 10:00am – Auction Setup at Pilgrim House. Contact Les Rogers.

Sunday, March 4, noon – Annual Pilgrim House Auction at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. See article below.

Monday, March 12, 7:00pm – PH Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Dick Shelton.

Sunday, March 18, 12:00pm – Sunday Stories at Pilgrim House – Stephanie Lica. All are welcome. Contact Gary Borg.

Saturday, March 24, 7:00pm – Game Night at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Curt Corum.

ANNUAL PH AUCTION

The PH auction is March 4 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.

Will you be able to resist the urge to bid on Ginkgo shawl, 86 Proof Cake, Paintings, Raclette Dinner, Earrings, Violin Performance, Homemade Brownies (they're super yummy!), Fudge, Pre-Statehood History Tour, Hand Made Pottery, family history (genealogy) research, 7-Layer Bars, Buttermilk Raisin Bread, Containers Full of Handy 3M Products, Chocolates, Hip hop, tap, ballet, or jazz lesson, 2 dozen chocolate chip cookies., and many other items?

We still need items to be donated to auction – current items can be viewed on the Auction page of the PH website. A user id is required to view the auction page – any valid PH user id will work – contact Fred Green if you have questions or want to donate an item.

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.

It is Soup Sunday – our meal will be homemade soups with the addition of fruit, veggies and desserts provided by some wonderful volunteers.

If you have any questions about the auction, please contact Les Rogers.

Items may be brought to Pilgrim House on Saturday, March 4th between 10:00am and 12:00pm. If you plan to bring items to the auction, please let Carol or Fred Green know before the day of the auction – it helps us.

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:

Fred Green

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RE CORNER

The Children's R.E. program will host a community-building bowling day on Sunday, February 25. Any PH members or friends who wish to join us are welcome.

We are discussing potential R.E. contributions for the auction. We also encourage all R.E. students to consider participating in the spring celebration.

PILGRIM HOUSE NIGHT OUT

(formerly Circle Suppers)

Scheduled for Saturday, April 21 and May 5

Would you like to meet Pilgrim House friends in a smaller setting than on Sunday morning? Would you like to get to know newer members in casual and relaxed way? Then PH Night Out may be just right for you. PH Night Out is an opportunity to share a meal and good conversation with fellow pilgrims. You can sign up to be a host (for 6-8) or a guest. When you gather, the host will prepare a main dish and the guests will bring dishes to share. The host and participants will communicate about time and place.

The last day to sign up is Sunday, April 8 when the signup sheet is passed at Pilgrim House. A sign up sheet will be available at Pilgrim House in the middle of March.

Matches will be made for the dates listed above. Contact information will be included.

If you have questions, contact Fred or Carol Green.

GREAT DECISIONS AT PILGRIM HOUSE

March 1 – China's Geopolitics

In the last 15 years, China has implemented a wide-ranging strategy of economic outreach and expansion of all its national capacities, including military and diplomatic capacities. Where the United States has taken a step back from multilateral trade agreements and discarded the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads through efforts like the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are Beijing's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions in each society underlie growing Sino-American tensions? What policies might Washington adopt to address this circumstance?

Our speaker will be Rob Scarlett, President of Medical Equipment Exports, Inc.; Senior Adviser to Clearwater Layline, LLC; Senior Associate at Grupo Avance, LLC; and former President of Smart Screen Systems, Inc. Since 1999, he has led Hunter Scarlett Consulting, serving as a director or officer for start-ups in the US, Europe, and Latin America. A senior manager with experience in global market development and international marketing, Rob is fluent in English, German, Spanish, and Portuguese. He graduated from Carleton College. He has spent much of the past 50 years working in Latin America and visited Cuba in 1997 at the invitation of the Cuban Mining Ministry.

GREETINGS FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Karen Conradi-Jones is on the mend but would appreciate calls to keep her spirits up. It's best to call the land line in late afternoon or early evening. Check the members directory for the number or contact me.

Also Dianne Wolf is requesting that people go with her or on their own to visit her husband David. She mentioned that he likes sweets so bring something if you go to visit. Contact Dianne for more information.

Let's all help each other out. That's what being part of a Congregation is all about.

*And let there be no purpose in friendship save
the deepening of the spirit*

Kahlil Gibran

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ryan

SAVE THE DATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KANSAS CITY!

June 20-24 – Meet hundreds of your fellow Unitarian Universalists at General Assembly in Kansas City. With

this year's location being within a day's drive of the Twin Cities, it's a great opportunity to take part in this fulfilling event of workshops, making connections, witnessing, memorable music, keynote speakers and participating in policy-making for the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Pilgrim House is allocated two voting delegates, but all are encouraged to attend. There are funds in the Pilgrim House budget to reimburse registration fees for the elected delegates.

There are also opportunities to receive registration fees in exchange for volunteer work at General Assembly. Note that applications will be accepted by General Assembly from March 1 through March 31. More info here:

<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/volunteer>.

More General Assembly info at: <https://www.uua.org/ga>, which includes schedule of events, special programs, sights and sounds of Kansas City, and more. Note, especially:

- Housing registration opens March 1.
- General Assembly registration opens March 1. (Rates increase on May 1.)

PILGRIM HOUSE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Welcome to our newest member, Stephanie Lica! She visited the hip-hop dance program at Pilgrim House this past summer and liked the fellowship, purpose, and other programming aspects she found. Stephanie and her husband Andrew live in Shoreview.
- We've learned that Lisa Schlotterhausen recently accepted a job as Vice President of Academic and Student Services at Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colorado and will be moving in a couple months. We hope Lisa will be able to come by Pilgrim House on a Sunday for our good-bye wishes.
- New members are always welcome. If you'd like membership info and/or are interested in setting up a short introductory session to learn more about Pilgrim House, contact Mel or Kathy Aanerud at membership@pilgrimhouseuua.org or see them at Pilgrim House.

JOINT RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION

Each year the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, a group of Jewish, Lutheran, Catholic and Unitarian Universalist congregations, agree on issues that they want to take to the legislature. This year the issues are

- Bonding for affordable housing and shelters
- Allowing court to waive state fees on traffic tickets
- Increase access to families needing child care
- Enhancing penalties for bias crimes that include property damage

Mel Aanerud will do a short program on the JRLC and their legislative goals for this year on March 4th prior to the Auction.

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition will have their Day on the Hill March 13. Register at <http://www.jrlc.org/day-on-the-hill/registration>.

PREEMIE HATS FOR AREA HOSPITALS

Pilgrim House volunteers knitted or crocheted 27 preemie and baby hats for delivery to area hospitals.

DONATIONS NEEDED

From the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf: The Career and Life Transitions Thrift Store needs donations.

Please feel free to bring clothing, outerwear, footwear, linens and small household items to us or directly to the thrift store. There is a barrel outside of our office where you can place your donations and grab a receipt.

The CLT Store is located in the Shoreview Mall and assists special education students as they progress from high school to adulthood by providing job training and independent life skills.

We give our food shelf clients vouchers to use to purchase items at the store and our families tell us about all of the great items they have found there. We appreciate our partnership with them!

Anyone can shop there and anyone can donate, so feel free to spread the word to friends and family.

1037 West Hwy 96 (Intersection of Hwy 96 and Lexington Ave).

Donation Hours: 8 am - 4 pm - Monday - Friday at the front or back of the store when school is in session.

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