

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

Pilgrim House is continuing with programs via Zoom only. The Zoom link for these programs will be sent to Pilgrim House members, friends, and others who have requested the link. See the following article.

February 6 – Lincoln's Second Inaugural.

Last year we presented Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Robert Schmitz requested that we do the Second Inaugural, "Lincoln's best speech" according to Bob. He is not with us anymore to see our interpretation, but we will do it partly in his memory.



February 13 – Adventures from Finland: "The Happiest Place on Earth" with John and Shannon Zobitz

John and Shannon, former Pilgrim House co-chairs, spent a large part of the past year in Finland with their three children.

February 20 – Dan Newton "Daddy Squeeze"

We had him for a program last year and he is back by popular demand. Dan enjoys mixing up accordion styles and genres that don't generally seem compatible. "Music out of context" is the result of his genre-bending experiments with Celtic, French, Tex-Mex, Creole, Blues, Jazz, Scandinavian, Polka and pop music.



February 27 – Social Action Committee

Social Action Committee members will present the history of social action at Pilgrim House, what we're doing now, and the results of the Social Action Survey sent out last spring. There will be time at the end for discussion. We want to hear what you would like to see in social action. The presenters will be Marcie Jeffries, Ellen Shelton, Fred Green, Judy Bloom-Martinez, and Nancy Olson.

March 6 – Electoral College

Professor Robert Alexander is a professor of political science and the Founding Director of the [Institute for Civics and Public Policy](#) at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. His pioneering work on presidential electors has positioned him as an expert on the Electoral College. His book, [Representation and the Electoral College](#) (Oxford University Press, 2019) received stellar reviews and was chosen as an outstanding title by Choice Magazine for 2019.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 1, 2:00pm – Zoom Coffee Hour.

All are welcome. Contact Nancy Olson. See article below.

Monday, February 14, 7:00pm – Pilgrim House board meeting via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Marcie Jefferys.

Tuesday, February 15, 2:00pm – Zoom Coffee Hour.

All are welcome. Contact Nancy Olson.

Sunday, February 20 – Newsletter items are due.

Contact Fred Green.

Wednesday, February 23, 1:30pm – Novel exchange book club meets via Zoom.

The book is *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak. Contact Sharon Borg.

Thursday, February 24, 3:00pm – Book Club meets via Zoom.

The book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

The Land Acknowledgement

Pilgrim House acknowledges that we gather on the ancestral land(s) of the Dakota People. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have been stewards throughout the generations, including the Ojibwe.

PILGRIM HOUSE WILL CONTINUE MEETING VIA ZOOM ONLY THROUGH MARCH 6

On January 31st, the Regathering Committee (a subset of the board members and committee chairs) met to decide whether Pilgrim House should reopen for in-person programs. After some discussion, the committee decided that, due to the continuing pandemic, Pilgrim House will continue meeting via Zoom. The current wave of the pandemic appears to have peaked although hospitalizations and deaths continue to rise. Based on that, the current goal is to reopen to in-person programs on March 13 (the March 6 program is a remote speaker via Zoom).

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

February 1st and 15th at 2pm-3pm on Zoom.

Join others PH'ers to chat, share stories about pets, children, grandchildren, staying safe, movies, books and current news. It's fun to catch up with others out of town, state and country! Zoom info provided before meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

As so many are aware, Al Potter remains hospitalized in Arizona and is under the care of a specialized medical

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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Email: pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org

Internet: <http://www.pilgrimhouseuua.org>

Board Chair: Marcie Jefferys

Pilgrim's Progress (Pilgrim House Newsletter)

If you have any items for the newsletter, please contact Fred Green

newslettereditor@pilgrimhouseuua.org

team and the support of his family. Our Pilgrim House family wishes the best for him and his family. You can send Al wishes and see his status on his Caring Bridge site <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/alanpotter2>.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Instead of buying chocolates and roses for your loved ones, support COOKIE CART and give them the treat of yummy cookies and you the treat of supporting teenagers in job and leadership skills. You can order yourself at <https://cookiecart.org/>.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION (UUA)

It's multi-platform this year!

Save the date: June 22-26

Where: Portland Oregon -- or virtually from the comfort of your home

Gather with Unitarian Universalists from across the country. A wide array of workshops, music, keynote

speakers, discussions, and business meetings to act on decisions affecting our association.

Open to all! The virtual option makes attending more affordable without travel and lodging expenses. Pilgrim House reimburses the registration fee for our two voting delegates. More event info here: www.uua.org/ga.

Questions related to Pilgrim House? Contact Mel and Kathy Aanerud/Membership Committee membership@pilgrimhouseuua.org.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY -- AN ANNUAL MEETING WITH STATES IN OUR UUA MID-AMERICA REGION

**Save the date: Saturday,
April 30, 9am – 1pm CT**

Where: It's online.

This is an Annual Business Meeting with break out rooms for connection and conversation. The keynote speaker, CB Beal, is a writer, storyteller, and UU educator, described as "a dynamic and humorous speaker and frequent presenter and consultant in congregations and schools in the northeast. He will present "The glass is Refillable: Pandemic Exhaustion, Lifelong Faith Formation, and Preemptive Radical Inclusion."

All are welcome to attend. Event information and Registration is on the MidAmerica Region website at: <http://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2022>. There is a registration fee on a graduated scale of \$25, \$35, or \$50. Pilgrim House reimburses the registration fee for our two voting delegates.

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PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND VOTING

Precinct caucuses are February 1st for all four-state recognized political parties. To find your precinct caucus go to <https://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

The Republican Party met in Minneapolis in 1892 and adopted this provision as part of their national platform:

"We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot in all public elections, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast; that such laws shall be enacted and enforced as will secure to every citizen, be he rich or poor, native or foreign-born, white or black, this sovereign right, guaranteed by the Constitution. The free and honest popular ballot, the just and equal

representation of all the people, as well as their just and equal protection under the laws, are the foundation of our Republican institutions, and the party will never relax its efforts until the integrity of the ballot and the purity of elections shall be fully guaranteed and protected in every State."

LIBRARY CORNER

Are you interested in reading a novel or nonfiction book by an Indigenous author or about Indigenous Peoples?

We have the following 6 books on loan in our library.

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

The first history of the United States written from indigenous people's perspective spanning 400 years.

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Based on Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Written by botanist, scientist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She shows how science and ancient knowledge should work together for our survival.

Winter Counts by David Heska Wanbli Wieden

A fictional thriller describing life on an American Reservation and the violence that Native Americans face on a regular basis.

The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

"...invokes the strength that women, land and plants have shared with one another through the generations"

Two Old Women by Velma Wallis

An Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival.

If you have questions about the library, please contact Judy Bloom-Martinez.

UPDATE ON PILGRIM HOUSE PROGRAM RECORDINGS

With his experience with program recordings, Wayne is now targeting a one- or two-day turnaround to edit and post the PH Video Recording, Chat, and Transcript. The Chat often contains notes and further resources about the program. For Jan 23 and 30, he made that goal.

Some 30+ PH recordings are available by logging into the Members Area of the Pilgrim House website and clicking on "Program Recordings." (These video links are not to be forwarded to others. Friends and Visitors can request video access from pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org which allows for some control of viewership.) For some programs, slides are available too.

Here are a few highlights:



Can you, yourself, improve the dire Climate Change situation by 20%? Yes, you can! PH member Paul Gardner has shown he is almost at Net Zero on his 1970's home and you could be too.

Jan 30, 2022 - Decarbonizing a Suburban Home

Music from a gifted artist. Hear the amazing "Holy Now" requested again during coffee hour.

Jan 16, 2022 - Peter Mayer Performs

Your Favorite Photos - Awe and Wonder, a PH favorite program.

Jan 2, 2022

Holiday Celebration with special pictures of performers and Ms Claus outside is at the end of the video.

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If there are any questions or comments, send to pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org.

PROGRAM IDEAS

Do you have an idea for a program? Have you seen a great presenter that might appeal to your fellow pilgrims? Do you, or someone you know, have a passion that you would be willing to share with us as a Sunday morning program? Please contact Lollie Jensen to see your ideas and suggestions come to life.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Now that children ages five and older can be vaccinated, volunteers are needed to lead children ages five to twelve through lessons on Sunday mornings. Lesson plans are available for two groups, ages five to eight and nine to twelve. The number of children on any given Sunday will determine if we have no, one or two classes. Please email religiouseducation@pilgrimhouseuua.org if you are interested in this opportunity.

PILGRIM HOUSE ON FACEBOOK

Pilgrim House is encouraging more use of our Facebook accounts to inform our communities about the meaningful programs and activities offered by Pilgrim House and to communicate with each other.

We acknowledge that there were and still are issues with Facebook in general, but with some guidance from regional UUA staff, we're following their suggestions to utilize the opportunities that still exist with this social media tool. So, here's what we've got:

Our public Facebook page: Anyone can search "Pilgrim House Unitarian Universalist Fellowship" to find this page or use the link <http://www.facebook.com/pilgrimhouseuua>. We currently post our Sunday programs here with an

invitation to visitors to request the Zoom link or join us in person. We're also looking to add postings with information or activities that support the purpose of our congregation and our principles.

- Click "Share" on this page to let others know about a Sunday program or other activity at Pilgrim House that may interest them.
- "Like" the page so it will appear in your Facebook feed and will also show interest in our page to the public.
- Have a suggested activity or information to share on behalf of Pilgrim House? Send an email to Fred at pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org. He's the current administrator of this public page and as such is currently the only person with posting privileges.

Our private Facebook group: This is simply named "PH." Here group members can exchange information. This private group is not searchable by the public.

- To join this group, send an email to Fred Green at pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org.

The **Pilgrim House Unitarian Universalist Young Adult** group which is currently inactive.

We thank Fred and Carlos for their assistance as we add/expand this communication tool. Questions about this information -- or have skills and expertise to share? Send an email to pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME HERE!

We enjoy the visitors and friends who join us for Sunday programs. If you're interested in taking the next step of becoming a member of Pilgrim House, we'd would enjoy talking with you and sharing a short, live Power Point introduction – in person or via Zoom.

Kathy & Mel Aanerud

Membership Committee

membership@pilgrimhouseuua.org



If "thank you" is the only prayer you say, that will be enough.
--Meister Eckhart