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Message from Our Minister Rev. Pam Philips

What does it mean to be **a people of trust**? This question can be difficult for Unitarian Universalists. For many religious people, the phrase, "In God We Trust", isn't just a motto on their currency. They have a deep and abiding faith in God. They know whom and what to trust.

After hearing about the illness of a favorite teacher, I've been thinking about the *people* in whom we place trust. Trust that they will tell us what we need to know. Mr. Casper was my A.P. English teacher, and the first paper I wrote for him received a C-. A C- was not what I expected after years of getting As on papers that were grammatically correct but thin on content. But I'm certain that a C- was what it deserved. I wasn't certain at the time; I was devastated. But over that semester, Mr. Casper's honest and insightful comments on my essays helped me to think more deeply, to develop my arguments more carefully, and to become a better writer. When I received an A on my final papers, I had *earned* them.



I trusted his advice on my writing so much more than the teachers who wrote enthusiastic and encouraging comments. I trusted his honesty and his desire to help me become a better thinker and writer. His honesty was difficult at first, but I came to appreciate it, especially as it helped me to be more honest with myself. I could admit that I wasn't working all that hard, that I was sliding by with platitudes and generalities. It has taken many years to begin to trust myself as a writer, and truth be told, I still struggle. But I credit him with putting me on the path.

It makes sense for teachers to be brutally honest with their students, but it's more difficult and rare in personal relationships. Have you ever gotten home at the end of the day, only to realize that you have something in your teeth? And then wondered about all the people who saw it but never bothered to tell you? A true friend is someone who tells you what you need to hear, not what you want to hear. But that requires trust, too, doesn't it? I think of the people in my life who have told me when I have said or done something that hurt their feelings or shaken their trust in me. Speaking up, telling the hard truth, meant they trusted me to hear their words with an open heart and a willingness to accept responsibility and make amends.

As we explore what it means to be a people of trust, consider the people in your life who you trust to be honest, who trust you to listen, and whom you trust in return.

With gratitude,
Rev. Pam



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Message from Our Board

Ellen Plummer, President



Happy February. Hard to believe we've entered the second month of 2019. Our work together continues to unfold, and I remain grateful for our beloved community. UUC is my favorite valentine!

Our worship theme this month is **TRUST**. A provocative word – rich with meaning and, at its core, anxiety-producing. To trust is to open oneself to risk and these days, in particular, I'm finding this trust business a wee bit hard to practice. My less-trusting self is easily led into cynicism and snark – usually with some juicy cuss words thrown in for emphasis. So, it appears that as usual, the universe has provided an invitation to immerse myself in the very thing I am resisting. Trust.

A week spent attending classes at Meadville Lombard Theological School provided an excellent laboratory for fully appreciating the health of our congregation. My reading and coursework required exploration of the many forces that are at play in the future of liberal religion in the U.S. and our UU denomination in particular. The future is rocky to be sure – AND, I learned and re-learned how well positioned UUC is for inviting and embracing our future. Phew – what a relief! We are strong, healthy, and have the gifts of exceptional ministerial, staff, and lay leadership. We are in a lovely time in our congregation's journey, and it is the perfect opportunity to engage in imagining strategic possibilities. And this moment is also an invitation to trust that together we will continue to put in place the necessary elements required for a thriving future. Trust.

As Steve Keighton mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Board is working towards developing a process to engage the congregation in imagining possibilities and articulating our aspirations for the future of UUC. Board members are reading a book called [Holy Conversations](#) which is a planning tool for congregations. At the center of planning strategies and tactics is trust. In the introduction to this book, the authors write, "Planning allows us to go beyond our personal preferences and to consider a call that surpasses our differences" (p. xxiii). That is an expression of trust – trust in oneself to see beyond individual needs and trust in our community to create a future that holds us as individuals in beloved community. Trust. It's complicated.

As February unfolds into March and beyond, I trust that our weather will improve, the flowers will bloom, and I will cease to need wool socks in bed to keep my feet warm. My less-trusting self will need reminding that cynicism and snark are fleeting, and that gratitude and trust are infinitely more positive and productive approaches to the opportunities we are offered. As February's worship theme, TRUST is well-timed.

Reference: Rendle, G. & Mann, A. (2003). Holy conversations: Strategic planning as a spiritual practice for congregations. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Service Cancellation

In the event of our canceling a Sunday service due to the weather, a message will be sent to all those on our announcement listserv by **8 AM**. You can also check for a message on our [website](#) or our [Facebook page](#), or go to [wsls.com](#) and look under the list of church closings. This should also run across the top of your TV screen on WSLs Channel 10.

Upcoming Events



The Fourth Annual UUC Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 13** at 6 PM for a fun night of fellowship and yummy chilis for the whole family. We'll have hot

and mild, vegetarian and meat, and possibly some you've never experienced. There will also be corn bread and other great fixins. **You help is needed** to make this event a big success. Child Care provided. Needed are:

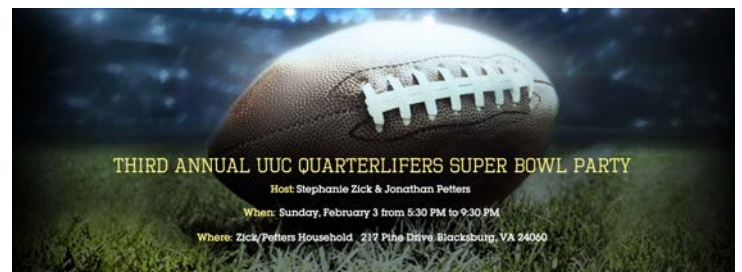
- ◆ Chili Cooks
- ◆ Chili Tasters
- ◆ Chili Judges (everyone's a judge)
- ◆ Servers for the chilis and other food items
- ◆ Servers for beverages – both alcoholic and non-alcoholic
- ◆ Donations of supplemental foods and beverages
- ◆ Volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up
- ◆ To help or for more info, contact [Franklyn Moreno](#) or better yet, sign up [here](#) to bring chili, cornbread, dessert, finger foods, beverages, and/or to help with set-up and clean-up.

Women's Lunch

All women are invited to lunch together on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 11:30 AM at various restaurants in the area. Enjoy good food and fellowship. On Friday, **February 1**, gather at *Lucie Monroe's* in Blacksburg near ODB. On Friday, **February 15**, gather at *India Garden* in Blacksburg.

UUC Quarterlifers' Super Bowl Party

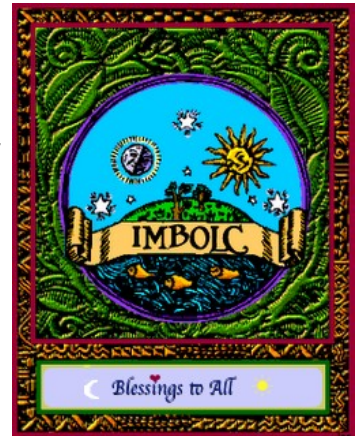
Are you between the ages of 21 & 39? Join in the fun as the Quarterlifers continue the tradition started by Chris & Kelly Eagan with this year's 3rd Annual UUC Quarterlifers Super Bowl Party on Sunday, **February 3!** The fun begins at 5:30 PM and is a potluck so bring your favorite game day dish to share! [Jon](#) and [Stephanie](#) are hosting (217 Pine Dr, Blacksburg) and will make two big pots of chili (a spicy, meaty one & a mild vegetarian one) and provide water and soda. RSVP via email or the event's [Facebook page](#).



EarthSpirit Sisters' Rituals

All women are welcome to join in the celebration of **Imbolc**, a Gaelic traditional festival marking the beginning of spring, on Saturday, **February 2** at 6:30 PM in Elarth Hall.

On Monday, **February 18** at 6:30 PM, all women are invited to Diane Jackson's home in Floyd for the monthly celebration of the full moon. Contact [Diane](#) for directions.



Our Mission

Inspire. Create. Transform.

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth. **Create** compassionate community. **Transform** our community and the world through courageous love.

Our Vision

UUC will be a beacon of liberal religion in the New River Valley. We will join with other organizations and faiths to work for just causes.

We will practice generosity and radical hospitality. We will be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration.



For the 9th year in a row, UUC will be providing support to **To Our House (TOH)**, the NRV's winter homeless shelter. This year, for the first time, we will be helping provide shelter for both men and women.

Our dates this year are Saturday-Friday, **February 9-15**, and our host church is New Life in downtown Blacksburg. We will be supporting them with food preparation, provisions and evening activities. Use this [link](#) to sign up online or contact [Kimberley Homer](#), [Joe Powers](#), or [John Kelso](#).

Better Angels Skills Workshop: How to Talk Across the Political Divide

Want to learn skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of the relationship when speaking to persons having different political views than you? This workshop, organized by Jamie McReynolds, meets on Sunday, **February 3** from 1-4:30 PM at UUC. If interested, register via this [link](#).

[Better Angels](#) was launched in 2016 and is a bipartisan citizen's movement to unify our divided nation. By bringing red and blue Americans together into a working alliance, they're building new ways to talk to one another, participate together in public life, and influence the direction of the nation. You can also join the group via this [link](#).



Better Angels

Newcomers' Orientation



Interested in learning more about UUism and our congregation? On Saturday, **February 2** from 9 AM – noon, join Rev. Pam, other newcomers, congregants, and Connections Committee members to listen, share, and discuss topics which will answer your questions. The orientation is open to newcomers and to those who have been attending UUC for awhile. The session begins with a light breakfast. Childcare provided. To attend, contact [Pauletta](#).

New Member Ceremony



On **February 24** we will welcome new members who have recently signed our membership book into the congregation during the service. If you are considering becoming a member of UUC, you may feel ready to take this step on your own personal spiritual journey. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, contact [Rev. Pam](#) (or 552-9716) by **February 20** so that we are prepared to welcome you.

If you would like to join but are unable to attend the ceremony, contact Pam as the membership book can be signed in Pam's office on another date.

Whether you chose to join now, or ever, your presence, your generosity, and your continued interest are always welcome and deeply appreciated, and you will continue to be an important part of our beloved community.

Second-Sunday Potluck

Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch together following the service on **February 10**. This month, if your last name begins with **Boo-Cm**, bring a beverage; **Lan-Z** bring a main dish; **A-Bon and Cn-Lam** bring a side dish or dessert. Don't forget your list of the ingredients in your dish to assist those with food allergies. Please be sure to bring a **LARGE DISH** as there are many mouths to feed and to be considerate of those at the end of the line that are also hungry.

As always, bring your non-perishable food donations (canned meats, fruits, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, sugar, etc.) for the [Interfaith Food Pantry](#). The donation basket is in the lobby just outside the Sanctuary.

Lifespan Faith Development

February 2019

Fleece Donations Needed

Bring in by Sunday, February 10

Middle School Youth Group, Coming of Age and YRUU will all be making blankets for Project Linus in February, in coordination with National Blanket Build Month. Your donations of fleece will enable our youth to build blankets for other children in crisis. Donation bins are located upstairs and downstairs.

[Learn more about Project Linus.](#)

Have you made a blanket for Project Linus? Place it in our donation bin, and we'll deliver it for you. Homemade blankets of all types and all sizes accepted: fleece, crochet, knitted, or quilted—blankets must be homemade!



Online Fundraiser for YRUU Trip Fund

UU youth can feel isolated here in southwest Virginia, so LFD strives to send them on a UU Identity trip every year. Most years, we go to Mountain CON, a conference of UU youth. Every fourth year, we go to Boston to learn more about our rich UU history there. Won't you help us make these trips possible by donating to our Trip Fund?

Donations can be made by credit card at our secure online donation page in any amount that you care to contribute. Enter your donation on the line marked "YRUU". Thanks for your support!

DONATE



MSYG

Friday, February 15, 6:30-8:30 PM

Middle School Youth Group meets this month at UUC to build blankets for Project Linus. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to come join the fun. Parents, watch your email for more information.

MSYG meets the 3rd Friday of the month, with meetings at UUC and offsite locations. Contact dlfd@uucnr.org to learn more.

[Register online.](#)

YRUU

Sundays, 6-8 PM

Our high school youth group, YRUU, meets on Sunday evenings, with some meetings held offsite. Teens participate in fundraisers, fun activities, social action, and conferences, while forming bonds with other teens.

YRUU is open to youth in grades 9-12. Friends are welcome at meetings. Contact dlfd@uucnr.org to learn more.

[Register online.](#)



In this documentary series from National Geographic, Katie Couric travels the country to speak with people bearing witness to the most complicated and consequential questions today in American culture. Each month, we will watch an episode and discuss the topic within. All classes stand alone.

Monday, February 25, 7-8:30 PM in our Library: *The Age of Outrage*

Katie Couric explores political correctness in the U.S. Katie spends time with controversial speakers and student organizers and behind the scenes at late-night comedy series asking whether political correctness is a matter of sensitivity or censorship.

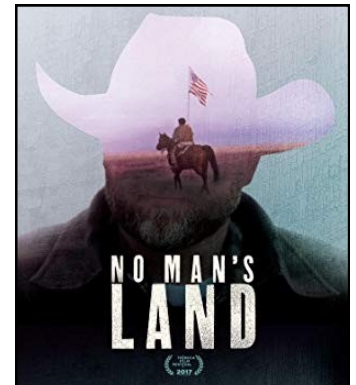
Social Justice Film Series

UUC shows a different movie on the first Friday of each month on a pertinent social justice topic. The community is welcome—bring a friend!

Friday, February 1, 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

No Man's Land

A detailed account of the 2016 standoff between protesters occupying Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and federal authorities. After a call to arms went out via social media, the Malheur occupiers quickly bolstered their numbers with a stew of right-wing militia, protesters, and onlookers. What began as a protest to condemn the sentencing of two ranchers quickly morphed into a catchall for those eager to register their militant antipathy toward the federal government. What draws Americans to the edge of revolution?



A discussion will be facilitated after the movie.



Our Whole Lives K-1 & 4-5

Continues this month

February 3, 10 & 24

On-Going Adult RE Programs

Sunday Circle

Meets the first and third Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM

February 3: Franklyn Moreno discusses "Impressions of South Korea, 1986–2006".

February 17: Daniel Thorp discusses "What Happened to the Slaves: The Lives of the Enslaved People of Smithfield and Their Fates After Emancipation".

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

Meets the second and fourth Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM

All are welcome to join our ongoing discussion group on white privilege and racism. Topics are announced via email. [Email Karen Hager](mailto:karen.hager@unitarian.org) to join the listserv and receive links to the discussion articles.

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesdays, 7-8 PM

Our meditation group meets weekly for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. Open with centering words and basic instruction, followed by sitting practice. Meditators from all traditions and all levels of experience are welcome.



Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays, 12-1 PM

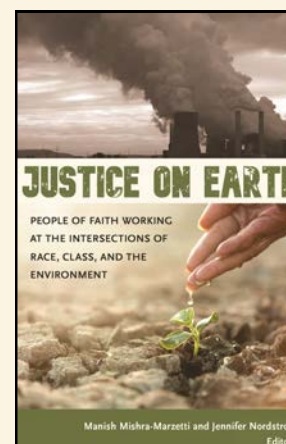
Bring a brown bag lunch and join our conversation as we read our current book, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book under discussion. Group members share their insights and personal experiences, and all thoughts and opinions are welcome. To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](mailto:tim.pickering@unitarian.org).

UUA Common Read Discussion Group

Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment
by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom

This year's UUA Common Read, *Justice on Earth*, explores the ways in which racial justice, environmental justice, and economic justice are intertwined. Those on the margins are invariably those most affected by climate disaster and environmental toxins. The book asks us to recognize that our faith calls us to long-haul work for justice for our human kin, for the Earth and for all life. It invites us to look at our current challenges through a variety of different perspectives, offers tools to equip us for sustained engagement, and proposes multiple pathways for follow-up action

Our discussion group continues after the service on **February 10**. The discussion will cover the entire book rather than particular essays. All are welcome as long as you have read the book beforehand. Registration is requested but not required. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/atyTvuXG1beGhDio2>.



UUC Community News

Update on ½-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity, UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond. The January recipients were:

January 6: NRV Agency on Aging, \$266

January 13: Service canceled due to snow.

January 20: Ronald McDonald House Charities of SWVA, \$341

January 27: Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, \$431

Watch the weekly announcements and website for the coming weeks' ½-plate recipients. Have a suggestion—fill out the form in Elarth Hall and place in the lantern or email [Lisa](mailto:lisa@uucnr.org).

Lay Pastoral Care Ministry and Pet Loss

Losing a beloved pet—be it cat, dog, bird or any other animal one has forged a bond with—can be a source of profound grief. And yet our process of mourning is different because often it is not viewed by friends, co-workers or society as a whole, as the seriously emotional condition that it is. We thereby lose the crucial support system available in other loss situations.



Our Lay Pastoral Care Ministry offers a quiet listening presence for this life situation, in addition to many others. If at any time you find yourself trying to cope alone, or trying to rush through the grieving process, or just want to tell someone of the absolute wonderfulness of a pet now gone, please contact [Rev. Pam](mailto:pam@uucnr.org), [Jane Mahone](mailto:jane@uucnr.org), or [Jennifer Mercier](mailto:jennifer@uucnr.org) for help.



January Board Mtg. Highlights

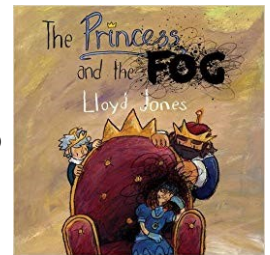
- ◆ **Nancy Norton** was appointed to fill the vacant Board Member-at-large position.
- ◆ An update on the safety and security proposal was presented.
- ◆ More information on financing solar panels at UUC was presented.
- ◆ **Korey Mercier** was approved to fill a vacant at-large position on the Committee on Ministries.
- ◆ The Board approved an anonymous, unrestricted **gift of \$10,000**.
- ◆ The Board approved including the proposed UUA Statement of Conscious, entitled "**Democracy Uncorrupted**", on the UUA 2019 General Assembly agenda. Congregants' comments will also be submitted.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 14** at 7 PM. The [minutes and reports](#) of meetings for the past two calendar years are available.

Questions, Ideas, Complaints for the Board: Simply send an email to adresstheBoard@uucnr.org.

A Request from Mental Health Justice Ministry

If your child sees one of these pediatric practitioners listed below, Mental Health Justice Ministry would like to talk with you! We are looking for folks to directly contact the pediatric practices in the area about accepting donations of *The Princess and the Fog* to keep in



their waiting rooms. If your child sees Dr. Berry (Blacksburg Pediatrics), Dr. Gehrz or Dr. Samples (Children's Choice of the NRV), any of the pediatricians at the 3 offices of NRV Pediatrics, Dr. Reynolds or Dr. Elmufti (Carilion Pediatric Endocrinology), or Dr. Amacher at her pediatric dentistry practice, please contact [Barbara Taylor](mailto:barbara@uucnr.org) about how you can assist with this important effort to educate parents and children about childhood depression.

Round the Grounds

Yes, even during the colder months, there is ongoing work to maintain UUC's grounds—picking up fallen tree limbs after storms, raking leaves, laying mulch and woodchips (when the piles aren't frozen), working on projects, and maintaining equipment. It's just like owning and caring for a home and its landscaping! Do we have fun doing the work? Of course! Being outdoors is spiritual and therapeutic. Unfortunately, our Grounds co-chairs are aging (i.e. falling apart) and **need help**.

You can join us!

UUC's grounds have been honored to be chosen for the **2019 Friends of the Library Garden Tour, July 6**, 9 AM to 5 PM. And, yes, this honor requires extra work from our grounds workers and YOU! Please mark your calendars for any or all of the following work days and give us a helping hand:

Saturday, **March 23**: pre-VT Big Event work day, 10-12

Saturday, **April 6**: VT Big Event work day, 10-2:30 (Adult help and leadership needed.)

Saturday, **June 29**: pre-garden tour work day, 10-12

Saturday, **July 6**: GARDEN TOUR, 8:45-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5 ("guides" needed at various highlighted areas and beverage and cookie managers).

Can't offer physical help? Donate cookies for 400 expected garden tour guests. Contact [Susan Baker](#) or [George Lally](#) to sign up for as many of these opportunities as you are able.



UUC crescent garden put to bed for the winter

Two Mental Health Support Groups at UUC

All are welcome on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 PM to attend our community-wide mental health support group for those with a mental illness. Next meeting on **February 18**. A second support group for friends and family of those with a mental illness meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. Next meeting on **February 20**.

Parent Bereavement Group

We are a community-wide support group for bereaved parents and grandparents who have lost an adult or adolescent child. We come together once a month to listen, to share our stories of loss and love, and to help one another on our journeys. The next meeting will be on Monday, **February 11** from 6-7 PM at UUC in our library and will continue monthly on the 2nd Mondays. For more info, contact [Katherine](#).

Enviro Bits

Child labor has been a significant factor in the chocolate industry for many years. Two million children, aged 5-17, have been sold to traffickers in West Africa to work in what amounts to slavery. Many are sold to chocolate plantations for dangerous work, climbing high trees to cut the pods and harvest the beans with machetes and sickles. They work long hours, live in non-sanitary areas, eat bad food, and are beaten.

A number of international candy manufactures, including Hershey's, have come together and pledged to end reliance on child labor by 2020. Mars has already achieved 50% compliance and hopes to be fully certified prior to 2020. Lindt, Godiva and Nestles are committed to changing child labor practice but have set no goal. Cadbury is already certified using their own measure for achievement. The national producers not only plan to stop using child labor, they are also training farmers in harvesting, use of fertilizer, planting small trees, reducing deforestation, building community projects such as schools, community markets and others.

For a list of chocolate certified as "fair trade", "rain forest alliance", "trade for life" or "UTZ" certified, click [here](#).

Certified child labor-free chocolate can be found locally at: Nancy's Candy and Chocolate with Nancy's truffles sold at Gourmet Pantry, Chocolate Spike, Kroger (primarily in the Natural Food section), CVS, Target, Wal-Mart, Aldi's, Eats, and Annie Kay.



Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services February 2019

Services at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Hall
Religious Education Classes and Nursery Care
All are invited to share coffee & conversation following the service.

Theme for February: *Trust*

February 3: Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Victoria Taylor, *This Place of Possibility*. In our wildest dreams, who and what will we become as a congregation? The sky's the limit as we begin a process of naming our greatest hopes for our collective future. (Sound familiar? This service was previously canceled by snow and ice. We *trust* weather won't get in the way this time.) UUC's Choir will sing at the service.



February 10: Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Stephen Henninger, *Trust Me*. Trust forms the backbone of personal relationships, romantic and otherwise. We'll begin our exploration of trust in earnest by considering what trust is and how we can create and maintain trusting relationships.

All are invited to our monthly potluck following the service.

February 17: Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Jim Kern, *Broken Trust*. As we observe *Black History Month*, we're confronted by the reality that many Americans have little reason to trust the larger society. We'll explore whether and how we might begin to build trust. UUC's Choir will sing at the service.

February 24: Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Kimberley Homer, *In ___ We Trust*. As Unitarian Universalists, many of whom are not theists or deists, in whom, or what, do we put our trust? We'll explore the intersection of trust and faith as we attempt to answer this question.

Lay Pastoral Care Ministry "Office Hours"

Lay Pastoral Care Ministry (LPCM) will have two Associates available for conversation about any issue of a personal nature you would like to discuss in confidence after the services on Sundays. They are prepared to discuss whatever is weighing on your mind and heart and also to offer information on the services of LPCM and our Minister. Meet them in the small room just off the foyer. If that is not an option for you, there are Contact Cards in an envelope hanging on the LPCM kiosk section in Elarth Hall. Fill one out, place in the slot in the wooden box outside the minister's office, and you will be contacted shortly.





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All times are PM unless noted otherwise

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(All Sundays) 10:00 AM Worship Service; Children's RE ⌘ YRUU 6:00	(All Mondays) 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast & Men's Breakfast at <i>Panera Bread</i> (Bburg)	(All Tuesdays) ⌘ 7:00 Meditation	(All Wednesdays) ⌘ Noon Conversations on Our Faith 5:30 Yoga UUC Choir rehearsals: 6 Children, 7 Adult		1 ⌘ 11:30 AM Women's Lunch Bunch: <i>Lucie Monroe's</i> (Bburg) ⌘ 6:30 Social-Justice Film Series: <i>No Man's Land</i>	2 ⌘ 9:00 AM Newcomers' Orientation ⌘ 6:30 EarthSpirit Sisters Celebration of <i>Imbolc</i>
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