



Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation

*A Home for Spiritual Growth, Free
Thought and Loving Action*

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at 10:00 am at our home**
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Upcoming Services

June 7: Flower Communion - Rev. Laurel Liefert & Janen Wright, Director of Religious Education

Hmmm, how can we keep up with our annual tradition of joining other UU congregations in our annual Flower Communion? How can we bring a flower to place in the arch in our Sanctuary and then later in the service come forward to take a different flower home with us when our services are virtual? Stay tuned.

June 14: WomenSpeak - Rev. Laurel Liefert, Barbara Fleming, and a stellar cast of women thespians

Previously scheduled to take place in our Sanctuary in March, Women's History Month, WomenSpeak now will be presented virtually on Zoom. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote, NUUC will present a Reader's Theater play, WomenSpeak, which brings to life significant figures in the struggle for women's equality and rights, spanning generations from Abigail Adams to Emma Goldman. The performance will be in lieu of a sermon and will feature a stellar cast of Namaqua thespians. Join us to honor a remarkable roll call of outstanding women.

June 21: People of Compassion - Rev. Laurel Liefert & Elizabeth Fraser, Worship Associate

The Soul Matters theme for this month, chosen around this time last year, was to be "What Does It Mean to Be a People of Play?" After all, June typically signals the beginning of summer and, for many, time for vacation play. But a year ago who knew what our lives would be like during a pandemic? Turns out this is not a typical June. And so the Soul Matters team has chosen a new theme: "What does it mean to be a people of compassion?" As we explore this new theme, we will also reflect on Father's Day.

June 28 (10:00-11:30 AM): General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship Service - Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

We will take advantage of this great opportunity to connect with thousands of other Unitarian Universalists who will have been participating in the 2020 virtual General Assembly. The Sunday Morning Worship Service, also open to the public, is always a high point of the gathering. This year's sermon will be delivered by Rev. Joan Javier-Duval who serves as Minister of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT. She is the daughter of immigrants from the Philippines, mother of a kindergartener, and spouse of a proud Vermonter. Beauty, gratitude, and love are at the heart of her faithful striving for collective liberation and a thriving planet.

NUUC COVID-19 Response Plan

Church leaders including Minister, Board of Trustees, CoSM and others will monitor daily announcements from the Center for Disease Control (www.CDC.gov), Larimer County Health Department (www.larimer.org/health) and UUA (www.UUA.org) and follow all Colorado government instructions and recommendations.

COMMUNICATION

- NUUC's primary communication tools will be our e-mail blast system and the NUUC website www.namaquauu.org
- Any member or friend who would like to sign up for email blasts should send a request to Admin@NamaquaUU.org
- Announcements and information will be posted on the church's website: www.NamaquaUU.org in the Events box at top right on home page.
- To post an announcement, send notice to nuuc@NamaquaUU.org
- General instructions on managing contagion will be posted at all church doors

CANCELLING SERVICES and PROGRAMS

- As per established NUUC policy, services and programs may be cancelled by consensus of at least two of the following people: Minister, President, Chair of COSM, Ministry Chair or program/activity lead
- When services/programs are cancelled, the activity lead will make (or delegate) every effort to contact participants directly by email or phone as well as notice on website as appropriate.
- Virtual services via the internet will be planned by Minister and Worship Associates as technically possible and announcement/instructions made via email blasts and on website
- NUUC programs will be held virtually as determined by the lead.

PROTECTIVE PRACTICES

- **Everyone inside the church buildings must wear face masks at all times.**
- Disposable face masks will be provided in each building
- 'Social distancing' will be practiced by staying at least 6' from other individuals when crowd restrictions allow face-to-face gatherings

- Once the building is full, no more will be admitted and must wait in outside grounds still remaining 6' apart; consider holding additional services
- Cleaning/Disinfecting Surfaces
- CDC-approved chlorine and alcohol-based (at least 60%) solutions and disposable paper towels will be used after each building use to wipe down all surfaces which may have been touched including pews, tables, chairs, light/heat switches doorknobs, railings, faucet handles in both kitchen and rest rooms
- Cleaners should wear protective gloves while cleaning
- NUUC Janitor will be responsible for weekly cleaning
- Activity organizer will be responsible for cleaning & disinfecting all surfaces touched during their programs. Cleaning responsibility will be included in Building Use Guidelines.
- Refreshments at services will be limited to commercially wrapped food items and juices. No home-made finger foods will be allowed.
- Disposable dishes and flatware will be used whenever food or drink is served
- Multiple containers of hand-sanitizer, disinfecting wipes/spray will be made available in both sanctuary and Parker Hall as available.
- NUUC staff and volunteers will work remotely as much as possible

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

- Stay home if you are ill, especially with a fever or cough
- If any member/friend would like 'wellness checks' (a church member to call you regularly to stay in touch and reduce social isolation), please contact Pastoral Care Team at PastoralCare@NamaquaUU.org and they will set up a system
- If you would like assistance with groceries or other urgent supplies, please contact Pastoral Care who will arrange for home delivery (leaving on front porch/garage)
- If you are ill, please let either the minister or PCT know. They will respect your confidentiality as you wish.
- Pastoral Care has a modest Emergency Fund for folks who are financially vulnerable, if you are in need contact PCT

ABOVE ALL USE WELL-INFORMED SCIENCE-BASED COMMON SENSE WHEN MAKING ANY DECISIONS

President's Message

From the Board President

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe!

We're getting better and better at doing 'Beloved Community' in these times of Coronavirus. We're becoming more proficient at our Zoom Sunday Services – it's so good to see so many faces! – and more and more meetings are appearing on the calendar that take advantage of our Zoom meeting room (which can be reserved by sending a note to calendar@namaquauu.org; you might want to check our website's calendar first to be sure it's available, at namaquauu.org). There's a regularly scheduled Thursday lunch bunch – see the website – and we're even starting to offer workshops and classes – see this newsletter for a book club announcement!

And we held our congregational meeting in May, virtually. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to our presenters! In case you missed it:

- **Laurel gave a Minister's report**, thanking everyone for keeping us going through these VUCA times: Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. Online ministry and covenant groups will become ever more important going forward.
- **Sally Henry presented an overview of the Committee on Shared Ministry's work**, with its 11 (!) ministries, all staffed by volunteers. CoSM achieved all of its goals for the year!
- **I talked about our Big Picture – in spite of Coronavirus, we're doing well as a congregation.** #1 is keeping us safe. We hired a new Administrator, Margo Ervin, who is replacing Tiffany – who just became a mother!
- **Jim Danforth reported on our Facilities.** This past church year we've upgraded our security and fire alarm system and an AV upgrade is work-in-progress.
- **Dick Barton, our Treasurer, led us through a review of this year's church finances and a proposed budget for next church year.** We're doing ok for this church year in spite of not having an auction – projecting to be in the red around 1% or so. The congregation passed next year's budget unanimously (!). It includes an increase in Administrator hours to 8 / week, but still no room in the budget for even a part-time Music Director.
- **Karen Brock presented the Leadership Development Committee's slate of candidates**, which was unanimously (!) approved by the congregation. Sarah Jane Wilhelm and Leonard Sokoloski will be joining the Board; Tom Mitchell, Juana Drake and Fred Schrekinger will be joining CoSM, with Sara Suriani as a continuing member; and Susan Moody and Cherry Sokoloski will be joining LDC. Congratulations to all, and thank you for volunteering to serve.

Coming up, your elected leadership will be meeting in early June (virtually, of course) to discuss 'opening up'. With safety our #1 priority, meeting together physically may still be some ways off. But it will be good to get people's thinking on this – I'll get the word out in July's column on what we come up with. The Big Question is: Can we gather in the fall? To me, that's suddenly seeming awfully soon.

I have to admit that touching base and, harder, figuring out ways to touch base takes more effort and creativity these days. Please do make that effort, though. We are a community that cares about one another and our broader world – how to make it better and live more deeply. I come away inspired every time I brush one of our Namaquan lives. Let's each look for opportunities to do so.

Be well and stay safe!

Doug

Religious Education

First off I want to thank everyone who has been able to attend our RE Online Gatherings. It is so fun to see the kids and teens and catch up with their lives. I miss them all and look forward to this interaction. Our next Gathering will be June 14th at the regular time (11:45 a.m.) I will send all families an invitation that morning. We are also looking into the possibility of having an Outdoor RE Movie Night in June but we will have to go through the proper channels to see if this is a possibility yet-- stay tuned and I will keep you posted!

I am also excited about the materials that I will be sending out to families for the month of June. The Theme is Creating Sabbath Space and the following is the Soul Matters introduction to this material.

Creating Sabbath Space aims to help families carve out “Sabbath space” in their homes and home life during this time of Covid-19. The weekly packets include guidance for building a home altar (“Chalice Home”), family worship scripts and 2-3 after-worship activities to help families lean into the Sabbath experiences of resting, playing and connecting more deeply with each other.

But what does honoring the sacred look like when we’re cut off from our church buildings? “Well, who says you can’t build a space for the sacred in your home?” In fact, home worship and home altars are a central part of family life for so many religious traditions. Catholics call them “home shrines.” Hindus fill them with their favorite Gods and Goddesses. Buddhists sometimes set aside entire rooms for theirs. Muslims place their prayer rugs in front of theirs. Some UUs, too, have home altars.

While all different, they also share a common goal: To create a space that helps one stay connected to what is sacred and nourishing. And who of us doesn’t need that right now?!

So, what might *your* Unitarian Universalist home altar look like? Well that’s what we are going to discover and create together.

Each week, you’ll get a Sabbath Toolkit with instructions for adding a new piece to your home altar, a family worship service to celebrate that addition and some “after worship activities” to help your family lean into Sabbath rest and connection together.

And here’s the super cool thing: Other UU families from across the country will be doing this too! Just like you, UU families from Massachusetts to Indiana to Oklahoma to Oregon will be carving out room in their homes for family altars and weekly Sabbath experiences. Even though we will be physically apart, we’ll be spiritually connected.

Stay healthy and happy!

Blessings,
Janen Wright, Director of Religious Education



Minister's Musings



June 2020 Minister's Musings Gratitude for May Mini-Sabbatical

Dear Ones,

Thank you for the gift of time this past month. I've missed you all and look forward to connecting again in June. In the meantime, I want to give you some glimpses into what I have been up to in my time off.

First, learning to let go of well-laid travel plans...

A fond farewell to -- enjoying sunshine and fresh seafood with old friends on an island off of the Georgia coast; visiting brother Tom and sister-in-law Patti on the Pacific coast in Cambria, CA, and celebrating high school graduation of niece Marita who is living with them; immersing in final session of Conversational Leadership



retreat at the Whidbey Institute with poet David Whyte and fellow seekers including son Marcus (photo); Marcus and I meeting Francey at the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR; visiting Bay area before flying home to see Hartlief family



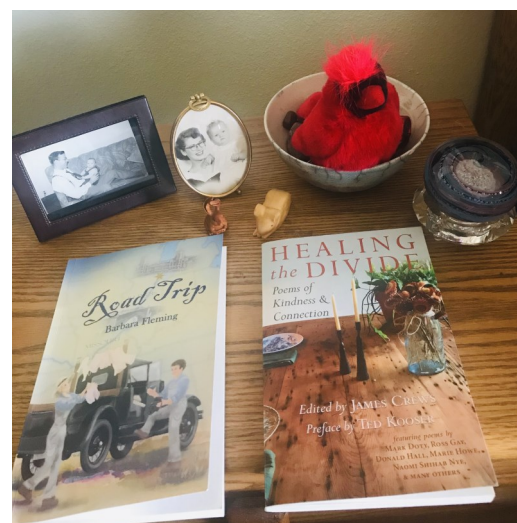
(Marcus, Emily, Henry - photo) in Berkeley and son David who recently moved with his dog Steel (photo) from Laramie, WY to finish his PhD remotely in San Jose, CA.

Then, silver linings galore while staying home...

--Luxurious sleep, delicious meals, leisurely tending to home inside and out.

--Study and reading: faithful to my morning spiritual practice, including daily meditation; journaling and memorizing David Whyte poetry as part of

Conversational Leadership series; reading out loud to Francey in the morning from *Healing the Divide: Poems of Kindness and Connection* (James Crews, editor, a gift from Shirley Rawson) and before bed from *Road Trip* (Barbara Fleming)(photo).



--Music (photo on next page): playing the piano every day, Boogie Woogie to build up my hand strength and working on some George Winston solos; took an online slide guitar class; practicing ukulele music with Francey, still looking forward to our UUkes debut.

--Daily walks: at least 10,000 steps; often with Francey and Flat Henry (2 photos - Francey's idea - since we missed having Marcus and Henry visit in April, she's taking

Minister's Musings (continued)

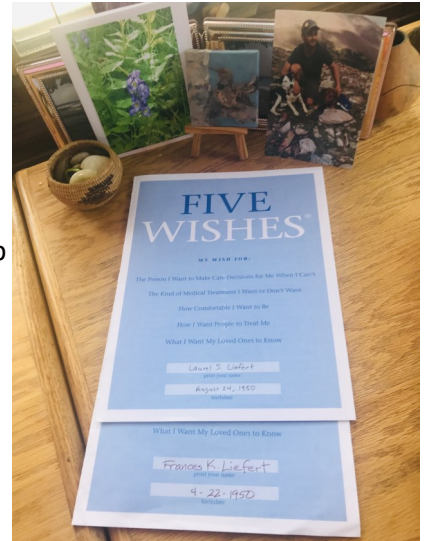


photos of Flat Henry in different spots so when he finally can visit he can see where the photos were taken).



--Taking care of business: refinancing the house, buying a new car, organizing finances and my home study, updating Five Wishes living wills (photo).

-- Catching up and planning ahead: putting together lists of weddings, memorials, and child dedications for the Namaqua Membership Book; begin planning for 2020-2021 church year, including potential Adult Enrichment classes.



Please continue to take good care of yourselves and others.

May we notice and practice ordinary moments of kindness and connection. This is how we build beloved community.

From Laurel, With Love and Gratitude

★ Namaqua "Star" ★

We'd like to recognize **Clay Benton** as June's Namaqua Star!

Clay has been serving quietly in the background as our bookkeeper more years than we can count. In addition to serving on the Finance Committee, he makes our deposits to the banks, reconciles our bank statements each month, pays our payroll taxes and files our payroll tax forms. He's had a key roll in improving our chart of accounts and is an invaluable assistant to the Treasurer. (He even served on the Board as Treasurer 2009 to 2012.) When we're between check writers, he steps in and pays our bills too!

Clay, with much appreciation, we thank you for sharing your gifts to keep our community fiscally accurate and sound!

Doug Stewart and Sally Henry



UUA Virtual General Assembly
June 24-28, 2020
Rooted, Inspired and Ready

We are in touch with our theological roots, we are engaged in transforming our faith, and we are fired up to take action in the wider world.

There is a strong emphasis in this General Assembly (GA) on right relationship with indigenous peoples. Originally scheduled for Providence, Rhode Island the intent is to deepen our understanding of UU's role in European settlement, 400 years since our direct religious ancestors on the Mayflower landed in Plymouth and began the colonization of what is now New England. Many workshops address this aspect of our history as well as moving forward. There are dynamic speakers including Naomi Klein as the annual Ware lecturer.

Three worship services are open to the public:

- Thursday, 6/25, 4pm MDT—Service of the Living Tradition
- Friday, 6/26, 4pm MDT—Synergy Bridging Worship
- Sunday, 6/28, 11am MDT—Sunday Morning Worship West—this will be the NUUC Sunday service. We will be getting our more details as we have them.

Registration for the virtual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association is now open. GA begins on Wednesday, June 24 and ends on Sunday, June 28. The cost to fully participate is \$150. Namaqua's Leadership Development Committee has funds available to assist with the cost. Please email ldc@namaquauu.org with any questions or to get on the list.

Check out uua.org/ga for all kinds of information on why YOU want to participate on some level in this event. No travel involved!

Building Beloved Community by Barbara Fleming

When Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation chartered twenty years ago, forty people signed the membership book, the minimum required by the Unitarian Universalist Association to qualify as a congregation. Of those 40, ten (one-fourth) remain active in the church: **Elaine Axon, Carol Barton, Dick Barton, Lenora Bohren, Jennifer Buchmeier, Peter Buchmeier, Carol Radcliff (now Koch), Kent Robertson, Ginny Weigel and Barbara Fleming.** Known deceased charter members are **Jeanne Bolton, Tom Fleming, Ken Landes and Nancy Phillips.** As NUUC observes our 20th anniversary, we acknowledge and honor all those who established this vibrant liberal religious community.

Both joys and sorrows marked the month of May for Namaquans.

Namaqua friends helped **Sally Henry** celebrate her 75th birthday with an auto parade, which she said was the highlight of her day.

Tom and Vicki Clark shared their sorrow that their granddaughter Megan and her spouse, Andrew, lost the baby they were expecting.

Karen Massaro shared her concern that her brother had to have lengthy emergency surgery in the aftermath of spinal surgery.

Janet Gillette has had a successful job interview and hopes soon to be employed again, which will help pay for the new furnace she needs. **Janet** also celebrated her granddaughter's graduation from high school, with honors, and her future plans to go to New York City. And **Janet** requests gentle empathy for her children, who are expected to lose their father due to recurring cancer in the near future.

Fred Schrekinger and his wife, **Barb**, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Condolences to the family of **Don Cook**, husband of longtime NUUC member **Nancy Kain.** Don died in Arizona in mid-May.

Gary Cline is recovering well at home after suffering injuries in a work-related fall. He expects to regain full mobility in due time.

It's a boy! Our former administrator, **Tiffany Beisner**, gave birth to a son on May 16.

Bittersweet Farewell

by Tiffany Beisner

My cherished NUUC family,

I'd like to say farewell as your admin assistant and thank you for the wonderful time I've had at NUUC for the past several years. You are an awesome group of people and I appreciate all the growth, support, and love I've received.

My sad farewell comes with the most exciting news—I became a mom on May 16th!!! My son, Sam, and I are healthy and doing great. This has been the most amazing and rewarding experience of my life and I couldn't be more happy.



I'm leaving you in great hands with Margo. Her kind soul and hard working attitude make her the perfect fit for the congregation. I know after training her she will do great things for NUUC!

If you'd like to stay in contact you can email me at tiff.nuuc@gmail.com or friend me on Facebook.

I wish you all the best and I promise to not become a stranger. Thank you again!

Much love and respect,

Tiff

Introducing our new Admin



Margo Ervin is very excited to fill the position of Office Administrator for Namaqua. She began attending NUUC in 2012 and immediately connected with Laurel and became a member soon after. Her three children, Henrik, Elena and Emilie, have

all been dedicated in the church. She grew up in a secular humanist household but was always curious and a bit envious of the supportive religious communities of which her friends were a part. She found that Unitarian Universalism offered a safe place for spiritual growth without the contradictions she felt from other religions. The more she learns about UUism the more she loves it and has a great respect for it as a force for good and change in the world.

Margo has been an at-home mother for many years and is excited to return to the workforce and use her education in business administration and previous experience as an accountant and nurse. She's enthusiastic to learn all the skills that are needed to be successful in this position and work hard for Namaqua. Please feel free to say "hello" or send her an email at admin@namaquauu.org.

Thanks to Elaine Axon

For being our custodian! And how can we replace her?!

Elaine Axon has been our custodian since we bought our building—and has decided to 'retire' at the end of the church year, on June 30. Much thanks to Elaine for her dedication and attention to detail over the years! I'm sure I'm not the only one to notice the neatness she has instilled into our space.

But now we need to look for her replacement. Elaine reports the job usually takes 5-6 hours a week, and there's some flexibility on when it needs to be done. If you have interest or know of someone who might be interested, let Doug know at dougestewart@gmail.com (note the middle initial "e" hiding in there).

Homeschooling

If you are a parent or grandparent and find yourself in the unenviable position of working with children or grandchildren, I have left a stack of math books in Parker Hall near the white board; grades 5 through college freshman; free! Enjoy!
Bill Rosquist

CoSM Notes: NUUC Ministries during the COVID 19 Pandemic

It's natural during these topsy-turvy times to focus on what we don't have. Most notably at Namaqua it's the loss of gathering together, Zooming services with everyone in weird little boxes, no time with our children and youth, canceled programs, no refreshments. So many aspects of our 'normal' church life are missing-- is it a time to mourn?

Maybe not; maybe instead of mourning what we can't have, should we instead be asking ourselves "What are we still doing at Namaqua to insure our beloved community?" and "How am I supporting our congregation?" Of necessity, some of our ministries are not evident right now—most notably Forum (no public meetings in our sanctuary!). But reflect for a minute on what is going on right now despite the pandemic:

- **Adult Religious Enrichment** -- two virtual Covenant Group well into their 8-session curriculum; exploring two new virtual book clubs (one on racism, the other on stress)
- **Buildings and Grounds** -- our buildings still being used by members; spring gardening underway; the new video system installed
- **Communications**—worship services taped and available on our website each week; Crossings newsletter monthly; weekly and special email bursts of latest information
- **Community Building**—Thursday virtual lunches continue with no agendas, just socializing
- **Membership**—a skills and interest survey will soon be distributed to all members and friends in order to increase our connections
- **Music**—an evolving approach for next year's music being developed (though Laurel's sabbatical has it on hold during May)
- **Pastoral Care**—monitoring needs and supporting our members who need help during this complex time
- **Social Justice**—administering the current year's half-plate ministry; organized special COVID 19 collection for Neighbor to Neighbor, local housing program; soliciting nominations for next year
- **Worship**—weekly, thoughtful services via Zoom

- **Youth Religious Exploration**—Zoom RE Gatherings twice a month; developing and distributing to parents user-friendly RE lessons from Soul Matters weekly

If you're involved with any of these activities, great and thank you! If not, please join one—or, even better, join a ministry (committee). There's no time like the present—no matter what our present looks like. :)

Are You Interested In Applying To Be A Worship Associate?

Invitation to Apply: Rev. Laurel and the team of current Worship Associates are recruiting a few new Worship Associates to serve in the 2020-2021 church year. If you are interested in receiving an application, please write to revlaurel@namaquauu.org. Completed applications are due by Monday, July 13th.

Job Description: Worship Associates are trained lay people who participate in Sunday services in various ways throughout the church year. The number of services per year ranges from approximately three to nine. The preparation time for each service varies greatly, depending on the service and the person. We meet as a group each month from 9:00am-1:00pm. The primary focus of our time in the monthly meetings is sharing thoughts and written reflections as part of a sermon-writing seminar.

Qualifications: Worship Associates must be members of Namaqua who know or are willing to learn about the history and traditions of Unitarian Universalism and the history, traditions, and liturgy of this congregation. The application will ask what you are passionate about sharing with the congregation and how you would use your role in support of the congregation's mission. You also will be asked what skills, talents, experience, *(continued on page 10)*

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or special knowledge you can offer to the worshipping community, and what experience you have in public speaking.

Process: A committee will review the applications and notify who has been accepted into the program by July 20th . New

Worship Associates will be required to attend an initial welcome and training session in late July or early August.

If you have questions, please feel free to ask Rev. Laurel or Worship Coordinator Janet Gillette. Feel free to talk with those who have served as a Worship Associates about their experience.



Namaqua Book Club Starting!

With the hope to further strengthen our mental health and learn something new, join the Virtual UU Book Club!

The Virtual UU Book Club category this time around is Nonfiction: uplifting/motivating! This category is much needed while we cope with

the current pandemic. I have picked three books that will give us practical tools to increase our happiness, productivity, and live more meaningful lives. Check them out and then let's pick one to start:

1. [The Upside of Stress: Why Stress Is Good for You, and How to Get Good at It](#) by Kelly McGonigal
2. [Mindset: The New Psychology of Success](#) by Carol Dweck
3. [The Happiness Advantage: How a Positive Brain Fuels Success in Work and Life](#) by Shawn Achor

If you are interested in joining, please let me know via email and send me your first and second pick from this book selection by June 5, 2020 and the meeting time that works best for you:

- Sunday after Church
- Wednesday at 5PM
- Thursday at 5PM

For those wanting to participate, I will be in touch with you shortly after June 5th with the book with the most votes along with the meeting time. Facilitator Chad Escallier, chadescallier@gmail.com.



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

June 1 – Elaine Axon
 June 3 – Milo Pease
 June 10 – Brian Jarvis
 June 11 – Sharon Reif
 June 13 – Maelle Fox
 June 17 – Norma Fox
 June 22 – Angela Sunderland
 June 25 – Carolyn McCarter
 June 26 – Emily VanDoren
 June 28 – Cora Pease

Anniversaries

June 11 – Allen and Andrea Van Nest
 June 17 – Dick and Carole Barton
 June 24 – Renie and John Poole
 June 28 – Pete and Jennifer Buchmeier

If you'd like to have your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact Kathy Hartman or enter it in the calendar in Parker Hall. You never know what might show up if you are on our list!!

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team supports the congregation and friends during difficult times. They take care of such needs as arranging for meals and running errands, rides to appointments, help with moving or yard work, sick visits and companion walks for those recovering. They also help celebrate happy accomplishments.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of special support, please contact one of the team members:

Cindy Black: 970.214.8350

Els Deininger: 970.667.5881

Sally Henry: 970.391.1785

Rev Laurel Liefert: 970.685.0427

PastoralCare@NamaquaUU.org

Board of Trustees Highlights

The Board again met virtually via Zoom.

Personnel

- Margo Ervin has been hired as NUUC's administrative assistant, replacing Tiffany Beisner. The Board authorized a check from NUUC for \$250 as a parting gift to Tiffany.
- Rev Laurel's annual review and working agreement are both due in June. We will use same process as last year.
- Janen Wright's review will be headed up by Rev Laurel, her supervisor.

Facilities Update

- The company AV Colorado has completed the installation of the wireless internet system in the sanctuary. We might need an upgraded computer to operate the system, however. Jim Danforth is looking into the exact specifications.
- We are ready for taking care of the lawn this summer. The sprinkler system is ready to go. The grass has been fertilized and already cut once.

Financial Update

- As part of the government Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), we have received \$20,946.00 (equal to 2 ½ months of staff wages). Thanks to Dick Barton, Doug Stewart and Clay Benton for getting this done.

COVID-19 Response

- Updated COVID-19 plan reflects current scientific thinking. The Board unanimously adopted it as NUUC's Interim COVID-19 Policy. The COVID-19 Plan can be found on our website under News (namaquauu.org/category/events/).

Next Board meeting scheduled for June 9, at 6:30 pm – via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Williamson, Board of Trustees Secretary

Half-Plate Recipient Nomination

It is time to nominate the Half-Plate Recipients for the year 2020/2021. The nomination form is attached to this email and will be emailed each week until June 14th. Please vote for your choice of organization(s) to receive the Half-Plate donation for each quarter of the 2020/2021 year. This is a very important way that our congregation talks its talk AND walks its walk. Please share who you would like to receive a donation as an organization that contributes to our community. You can return your forms to the Half-Plate chair, Karolyn McCarter, by email at mckitzie@att.net or by filling out the form and submitting it online. **The final day to turn in your nomination(s) is June 14.**

[Fill form out online here](#)

Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm the second Tuesday of the month at 745 E. 5th Street in Parker Hall. All are welcome to observe.

NUUC Board of Trustees:

Doug Stewart, President (Board term expires June 30, 2020)
 Jim Danforth, Vice President (Board term expires 2020)
 Dick Barton, Treasurer (Board term expires 2022)
 Rebecca Williamson, Secretary (Board term expires 2021)
 Pete Buchmeier, Trustee (term expires 2022)
 Brenda Christiansen, Trustee (term expires 2020)
 Jessie Allen-Young, Trustee (term expires 2021)
 Rev. Laurel Liefert, ex-officio

To comment to the Board, email Board@NamaquaUU.org
 To reach the President, email President@NamaquaUU.org

NUUC Elected Leaders

Committee on Shared Ministries (CoSM)

Sara Suriani (term expires 2022)
 Brian Jarvis (term expires 2021)
 Sally Henry (term expires 2020)
 Elaine Axon (term expires 2020)

Leadership Development Committee (LDC)

Karen Brock (term expires 2020)
 Sarah Wilhelm (term expires 2021)
 Kathy Hartman (term expires 2022)

We are on the web!
www.NamaquaUU.org

Our Mission

Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation fosters a beloved community that celebrates diversity, strives for peace and justice, acts mindfully for the good of the planet, and inspires spiritual growth through a free and loving search for truth and meaning.

Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a liberal congregation in the Loveland-Berthoud area with about **200 members and friends** from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds .

We affirm the worth of every human being and welcome to our congregation all persons without regard to age, gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, or other class of exclusion.

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