



# Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

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## Upcoming Services

**May 2: Under the Story Tree — Rev. Laurel Liefert & Ministerial Intern clare hammoor**

Such a special joyful service this Sunday! Rev. Laurel returning from her sabbatical, ministerial intern clare hammoor's first service. Invite the whole family to gather under Namaqua's imaginary Story Tree to hear the story of Namaqua's first 20 years and clare's story as he begins a 2-year journey with us as Namaqua's first intern. clare, whose passions include theatre, will tell the beloved tale of "Where the Wild Things Are."

**May 9: The Dance of Fate & Freedom — Rev. Laurel Liefert & Worship Associate Chad Escallier**

Are the stories of our lives and the world predestined? Shakespeare wrote, "All the world's a stage." Perhaps all the world is more like an improv show, with our job to hop on the stage and make up the script as we go. Some of us might be struggling right now to regain control of the storyline of our own lives. Many of us right now are struggling to regain control of the storyline of our country. Join Rev. Laurel and Chad to explore the dance of freedom and fate.

**May 16: Cooperation, Courage and Compassion — Rev. Laurel Liefert & Worship Associate/Director of Religious Education Janen Wright**

We share this wonderful planet with many other forms of life. Cooperation, Courage and Compassion are just some of the many lessons we can learn from animals. Join Janen Wright and Rev. Laurel Liefert in a Full Church Celebration of our earth companions on this special Religious Education (RE) Sunday.

**May 23: Janus — Rev. Laurel Liefert & Worship Associate/Board President Doug Stewart**

In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of motion, of beginnings and doorways, of passages and endings. Since movement and change are interconnected, Janus has a double nature symbolized in his two headed image; seeing into the past with one face and into the future with the other. As we prepare for our Spring Congregational meeting, Rev. Laurel and Doug will look back at how Namaqua fared in this highly unusual past year of the pandemic, and look forward to what lies ahead.

**Spring Congregational Meeting:** Please stay after the service for our annual Spring Congregational Meeting from 11:30am—1:00pm via Zoom. We'll vote on new leadership and the budget for the forthcoming church year, which starts July 1, and hear reports from Rev. Laurel, the Board, Committee on Shared Ministry, and Leadership Development Committee. Zoom info to be announced. Come help set our course for the new church year and help make sure we have a quorum!

Please join us for the Spring Congregational meeting from 11:30am-1pm.

**May 30: May What They Dreamed Be Ours To Do — Rev. Laurel Liefert & Worship Associate Fred Schrekinger**

Have you heard of Michael Servetus or Joseph Tuckerman or Aurelia Reinhardt? These remarkable people spent their lives building the world they dreamed about. You will be proud to claim them as our ancestors. And now, may what they dreamed be ours to do.

**NUUC meets each Sunday  
at 10:00am on Zoom:  
[Meeting ID: 95746329454](https://www.zoom.us/j/95746329454)**

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[www.NamaquaUU.org](http://www.NamaquaUU.org)  
[@NamaquaUU](https://www.instagram.com/NamaquaUU)**



## President's Message

May flowers bring... **Laurel back from her sabbatical!** We're all looking forward to seeing her again. Her love for us is palpable, and it goes both ways. Also starting May 1st is **our new (and first!) ministerial intern, clare hammoor!** Welcome, clare!!! We're so glad to have you join us in journeying together.

The plan is **clare will be with us part-time for just over 2 years**, gaining a deep sense of parish ministry in order to become a Fellowshiped UU Minister. This, while working full-time in school administration *and* going to Illif School of Theology in Denver part-time. And did I mention his involvement with the Colorado prison system? **You've got to see [this video](#)**; clare directed this, putting his PhD in educational theatre to very good use. We're looking forward to a dynamo of a time together!

Laurel has long wanted to enrich a ministerial student with what she wonderfully brings to parish ministry, including doing shared ministry so well. The barrier has been funding. But with Laurel going to ¾ time for next church year, and her finding a grant that'll pay for half of clare's salary, the Board agrees we can do this and Namaqua can become a Teaching Congregation. **We've formed a strong Internship Committee** to assist Laurel (and the rest of us) in **making clare's experience with us rich indeed.**

Those riches will be of our hearts – and of course, to enable those, we need to rely on financial riches too. **Much thanks to Bill Rosquist and Mickey McGuire for leading our Annual Budget Drive! And thank you, thank you, to those who pledged** to donate for the upcoming church year, which starts July 1<sup>st</sup> – your pledges enable our Treasurer, Dick Barton, and the Board to propose next year's budget to the congregation. There are still a few folks who usually pledge who we're following up with, to see if they're willing and able to pledge again; Dick is confident he'll be able to propose a solid budget.

This agrees with my own, much less informed, sense – but unless we get some unexpected manna from heaven, I think we're unlikely to afford a music director, a gleam in my eye, costing at least \$5k. Still, we'll be able to pay our staff fairly, gain clare as our first ministerial intern (with the help of the grant), and perhaps increase the administrator's time, which is much needed, if Margo can balance an increased workload with the rest of life. We've paid down our building loan and now owe only \$17k.

Dick will get the proposed budget in front of the Board in May, and we'll take it to the congregation in the **Sunday May 23rd Congregational Meeting**, which starts at 11:30 via Zoom right after the service. We'll also gain brief reports on the state of our Beloved Community and vote on our elected positions.

**Our church building is almost ready to reopen, as soon as our Covid task force says it's safe to do so; maybe Fall?** The furnace is now working and Pete Buchmeier has final repairs underway to restore water from the pipes having frozen and split – which has meant no bathroom facilities in Parker Hall. Meanwhile, the **Hybrid Service task force** has been hard at work; when we do reopen for in-person services, we're also wanting to continue our on-line Zoom presence. The main bottleneck there has been our internet speed, and Don Suriani may have come up with an affordable solution – stay tuned!

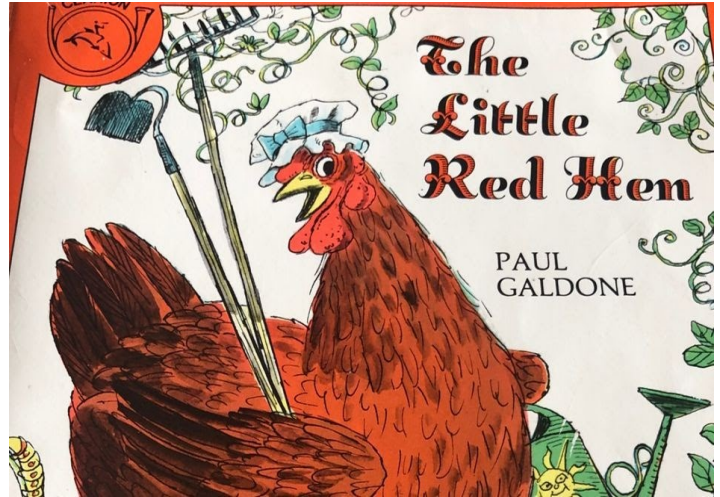
**With Laurel's return, all seems right in the world;** she adds so much! And we've proven we can keep on truckin' "just on our own," with Janen enriching children and adults, Worship Associates leading inspiring and comforting services, Pastoral Care providing a helping hand, and the many ministries and task forces making steady forward progress. Thanks to all for helping make us beloved by your presence and, when able, your contributions of time, talent and treasure. It takes a village.

Yours in beloved community,

*Doug*

## Religious Education

The theme for May is **Story**. Just for fun I was thinking back to what stories really impacted me as a child and, aside from the family stories (how my parents met, the day I was born, crazy Uncle Mike, etc.), **The Little Red Hen** was a big one for me --used liberally by my mom when she needed help. Remember that one? "Who will help me plant the wheat?" "Not I," said the cat. "Not I," said the dog. "Not I," said the goat." "Then I will do it myself," said the Little Red Hen and in the end only those that helped plant and harvest the wheat and make the bread got to eat the wonderful bread that, at last, comes out of the oven. Something to think about indeed! I also loved **The Ugly Duckling** and **Peter and the Wolf** as far as classics go!



One of my favorite parts of being a mom was getting to read story books to my kids. Somehow most of the picture books that we owned didn't make the cut in our moves so lately I have been having a grand time going to thrift stores and gathering a little library of my favorite picture books in anticipation of using them on Sundays when they pertain to our lessons---as well as reading them to my grandchildren who might some day exist.

I appreciate the quote from Jimmy Neil Smith. "**We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling.**" Dave Mitchell said "**the belly craves food, the heart craves love and the mind craves stories!**" I have learned for myself there does not exist a greater medium for getting a point across than the good ol' story. May we celebrate story this month!

### RE Calendar for May

Soulful Home Link [soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm\\_2021-05\\_sh\\_story.pdf](https://soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm_2021-05_sh_story.pdf)

**Sunday May 9** -2nd Sunday RE Circle- Join us from 9:30--9:50 to celebrate our **Favorite Stories!** If you have a favorite book at home bring it for Show and Tell!

**Saturday May 22** -10:00-11:30 Stay tuned to see if we are able to have an outdoor "**Hurray!! It is Almost Summer RE Party.**" More information to come!

**Sunday May 23**- A special Full Church RE Sunday for kids of all Ages! Join Janen Wright and Rev. Laurel Liefert as we celebrate the lessons that we can learn in **Stories from the Animal Kingdom.**

**Wanted: Your story (whether you are young or old) of how an animal has influenced/blessed your life. I will compile these tales to be shared in our Stories from the Animal Kingdom Worship Service May 16th.** (Please e-mail your stories to [namaquadre@gmail.com](mailto:namaquadre@gmail.com))

In service,

*Janen*



## Minister's Musings



### The Power of Imagination

As I contemplate my return after two months away, now knowing the jury delivered accountability (a step towards justice...) in the Chauvin trial, I offer this quote about the power of imagination and hope.

*What is hope? It is a presentiment that imagination is more real and reality less real than it looks. It is a hunch that the overwhelming brutality of facts that oppress and repress is not the last word. It is suspicion that reality is more complex than realism wants us to believe and that*

*the frontiers of the possible are not determined by the limits of the actual... Let us plant dates even though those who plant them will never eat them. It is a refusal to let the creative act be dissolved... and a stubborn commitment to the future of our grandchildren.*

Rubem Alves, 1933-2014

May we be stubbornly committed to the future of our grandchildren.

*From Laurel, With Love*

## Building Beloved Community by Barbara Fleming



By the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Christian church was firmly established in most of Europe, functioning as the state religion in France, Spain and Italy. Dissent was unwelcome, even dangerous. Martin Luther dared to do so when he nailed his 95 Theses on a church door, and he paid the price for it; he was excommunicated and doomed, therefore, to spend eternity in hell. Then along came Miguel Servetus, who had the temerity to question the truth of the trinity—namely, the Holy Ghost who was said to have impregnated the virginal Mary. Servetus paid an even higher price; he was burned at the stake.

Among our community:

We mourned the loss and celebrated the life of our beloved member **Glenda Bell** on April 11. Upon our return to the sanctuary, we will miss seeing her sitting on the stool, hat in place, handing out programs.

**Janet Gillette** has recovered from surgery to remove a basal cell carcinoma on her face. She is also celebrating installation of a fence in her yard.

We welcome the return of **Rev. Laurel** from her sabbatical, trusting she is refreshed and renewed. What a pleasure it will be to see her and Francey again!

Contact the Pastoral Care Team about visiting **Kent Robertson**, who is now in assisted living.

## Introducing our New Members

### Arthur Goldsipe



Arthur Goldsipe (he/him) grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. I lived in Tennessee until moving to Massachusetts to get a PhD in Chemical Engineering from MIT. After a postdoc in biological engineering, I started working on

the Computational Biology team at MathWorks, where I develop modeling software to facilitate drug development. Last year, Mel and I moved to Loveland to be near family. I love reading, theater, music, games, food, Ultimate Frisbee, queer community, languages, animals, and social justice.

### Mel Goldsipe



Mel Goldsipe (she/her) grew up in New York and Tennessee and lived in Massachusetts for 20 years before moving to beautiful Loveland in February 2020 to be closer to family. She has a degree in psychology and is a former MIT Press book editor. In Arlington, Massachusetts, she was a Town Meeting member, co-chair of the Human

Rights Commission, and chair of the LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission. She volunteered with the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition and led the successful effort to add nondiscrimination protections for gender identity and expression to Arlington's town bylaws. Mel was recently elected to the Board of Directors of KidsPak, which provides supplemental weekend meals for food-insecure students in the Thompson School District community. She serves on the NUUC Social Justice Ministry and will be heading up the group organizing

Namaqua's Pride celebration this year. Mel also runs small monthly Zoom hangouts of the Loveland LGBTQIA+ Meetup group. Other interests: theater, concerts, comics, learning Korean, Korean and Chinese dramas, K-pop & Mandopop, and cuddling with cats.

### Doris Arko

I have lived in Colorado for about 30 years. As a child my family moved around a lot, but settled in Washington



State. Pacific NW is where my immediate family still resides. Although my father was a native Coloradan.

I went to college at New Mexico Tech and Colorado State. After graduating from Colorado State University I started

work at Hewlett-Packard and now work for Keysight Technologies, in Loveland. I love the outdoors. I live in Loveland with my two dogs, Jackson and Kate. They keep me sane but sometimes also drive me crazy. I enjoy hiking with my dogs, drawing, birdwatching, physics, astronomy, and New Testament Studies.

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

May 5 — Nancy Amsler  
 May 7 — Janice Ralph  
 May 9 — Gary Cline  
           Matt Milden  
           Sally Henry  
 May 11 — Alice Cain  
 May 18 — Sara Suriani  
 May 22 — Sawyer Hartenstine  
 May 23 — Marion Cox

### Anniversaries

May 23 — Don & Shirley Rawson  
 May 26 — Gary & Jenifer Cline

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in an upcoming newsletter, please email [newsletter@namaquauu.org](mailto:newsletter@namaquauu.org).

## Board of Trustees



# Board Meeting Highlights

The Board met virtually via Zoom on April 13, 2021.

The Board continued their discussion of this church year's common read: *Growing A Beloved Community: Twelve Hallmarks of a Healthy Congregation* by Tom Owen-Towle.

Update reports were shared by Brian Jarvis for the Committee on Shared Ministries (CoSM) and Cherry Sokoloski for the Leadership Development Committee (LDC).

### **Hybrid Service Task Force Report – Dick Barton & Pete Buchmeier for the Task Force**

NUUC would like to conduct Sunday services both in the sanctuary and virtually. From a tech standpoint the critical component is bandwidth. At present the church's *uploading* bandwidth is much too narrow for transmitting service from the sanctuary. Loveland internet providers focus on *download* bandwidth and not upload bandwidth because the demand for *download* capability is greater.

### **Possible Solutions:**

#### Short Term -

1. Use the present remote Zoom Rooms to transmit the services from the church using a smaller transmission of the services via a WiFi and cell tower to the Zoom Room. This will be tested within the next 2 weeks. IF that is not a viable system, we could also have a small coaxial cable installed to the church by Comcast. Cost \$85/month for 24 months, \$2,040.
2. Have Comcast install a large 300 MBs coaxial cable to the church. It would provide Zoom capability without the need for the remote Zoom Room. Cost \$200/month for 24 months, \$4,800

#### Long term -

1. Wait for Pulse to be connected. Cost unknown at this time, but it will require equipment in the church. Best estimate for 50Mbs is \$60-80/month.

Equipment used in the short term solutions would have to be replaced to do the long term solution. Pulse is providing a fiberoptic system that has the same download and upload capacity.

For the long term we will want to have a fiber optic system.

### **Financial Update – Dick Barton**

Operating budget summary: income down a bit this month; but up \$6K for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Our building loan payment of \$16,667 was made in March.

### **Annual Budget Drive - Bill Rosquist and Mickey McGuire, co-chairs**

A total of 81 of the 103 pledging units returned pledges amounting to \$131,560. Seven of 42 friends returned pledges for a total of \$5630, which brought the grand total of the Annual Budget Drive to \$137,190 or 91% of the goal set by the Board of \$150,000.

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## Board of Trustees (continued)

### **Facilities Update – Pete Buchmeier**

There is still a plumbing issue in the basement because of the broken pipes from the BIG freeze in March. Pete will be working on this in order to get the water back on in the social hall. Next up will be getting the sprinkler system up and running. Finally, there needs to be an assessment of how we might fix this so the pipes don't burst again during a deep winter freeze.

Furnace is up, running and working just fine.

### **Internship Committee Update – Rebecca Williamson, co-chair of the Internship Committee**

clare starts his internship on 5/1/21.

Internship Committee's activities, thus far:

- A framework for the learning activities that will meet the stated UUA Intern goals was determined.
- There are seven goals and each of the seven committee members has volunteered to be responsible for one of the goals.
- All learning activity documents have been uploaded to Google docs for the committee member responsible for that goal to "edit" (add to, reword, etc). After the initial edit, the goals and learning activities will go to clare and Laurel for their input.

It has been agreed that the committee's monthly meeting with clare will be after service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next Board meeting scheduled for May 11, at 6:30 pm – via Zoom (probably)**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Williamson, Board of Trustees Secretary.

## General Assembly 2021

### ***Circle 'Round for Justice, Healing, Courage @ Virtual UUA General Assembly June 23-27, 2021***



speakers on Saturday, June 26.

I can assure you that there will be awesome presentations and workshops. Everyone can attend the general business sessions, the Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy

BIG NEWS! Stacey Abrams, dynamic voter registration organizer, and Desmond Meade, author of Let My People Vote: My Battle to Restore the Rights of Returning Citizens, have just been announced as the Ware Lecture

Building Worship Service and Sunday Morning Worship and I'm sure you can shop at the GA marketplace. For all other sessions, one must register.

Registration is \$200 AND both UUA and NUUC have financial support. So if you would like to attend please contact me. For more information go to [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).

Let's join with other UUs around the world for this incredible opportunity.

kathy hartman

[knhumans@gmail.com](mailto:knhumans@gmail.com)



## Social Justice Corner: *Together Colorado*

Laurel has long been meeting with a group of progressive clergy in our area, and they often connect with a state-wide interfaith social justice organization, **Together Colorado**, through its director Mike Kromrey, who drives up from Denver. In 2017 Together Colorado and several of the clergy sponsored an organizing meeting for a local branch, centered in Loveland.

**Community-level first**, then the state. Namaqua is one of 4 congregations active in our local branch, which also includes Saint John's Catholic, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ members. After gaining feedback from 500 congregational members and neighbors, we decided we could make a difference in **addressing homelessness here in the Loveland area**.

We are making a difference to better address homelessness, an incredibly complex challenge. In December 2019 we sponsored a community meeting which included the mayor and several city council members – **that's Laurel speaking from the pulpit** – to emphasize to our city government the importance our community attaches to this issue.

While direct services to the homeless such as food and shelter are critical, our branch is working with our city government toward **systemic change**, starting with the city sponsoring a **lead agency** to coordinate responses to homelessness. It looks like this is going to happen – we'll let you know if contacting our City Council members will help. If you'd like to check out the local branch's work on systemically addressing homelessness, let me know. We meet monthly.



**At the state level**, *Together Colorado* advocates for many social issues, including Climate, Health, and Economic justice. For **Affordable Housing**, we're working with other non-profits to **pass legislation** to codify **late-rent fees** (which are unregulated and sometimes terribly abused, causing unnecessary evictions), and to allow local governments to **require affordable housing in new housing developments**, ruled as illegal under the current law we're trying to change. For **Criminal Justice**, *Together Colorado* is **leading legislation** to **regulate stand-ups** (a one-person line up[!]), brought to our attention by the wrongful arrest of one of our member's sons. Who happens to be a person of color. **You can be part of these legislative efforts**, by signing up for action alerts [here](#) – a super easy way to contact your state legislator when it can make a difference.

Underlying all of *Together Colorado's* work is to intentionally address the predominate **race-class narrative**. We'll likely offer some workshops at Namaqua inspired by their work.

Being involved in *Together Colorado*, either locally or at the state level, is **a way to reach across faiths and find common ground to better our world**. Check out *Together Colorado's* website [here](#), and if you would like to try this out or have questions, contact Doug Stewart, [dougstewart@gmail.com](mailto:dougstewart@gmail.com).



## Announcements

### ***The Auction is Coming! The Auction is Coming!***

Yes, we will have an Auction this year!

As with all things pandemic, it'll be 'unique' and 'unusual' and 'different.' We'll have 2 components:

1. An on-line auction, with bidding open weeks before the...
2. 'Live' (Zoom) auction event, **Saturday 5/22 7-9pm.**

**Be thinking about an item or event to donate! See below for how -**

We're thinking **in-person social events** like dinners and outings will be ok by July 1st for after 'Covid-safe' (vaccinated) providers and attendees — **so feel free to offer these!** It'd be great to finally have social time together, even if we have to follow safe practices.

And, **WE'LL GUARANTEE A REFUND** to attendees if a provider or attendee wants to cancel for safety reasons.

There are two ways you can offer an auction item:

1. Enter it yourself! It's easy! Just go [here](#).
2. Send the item's info to Doug, at [dougstewart@gmail.com](mailto:dougstewart@gmail.com):
  1. 1-line description of the item
  2. A fuller description (your 'tease!')
  3. Optional: estimated value, starting bid, picture of item
  4. Remember to include a date of a gathering and location, if possible

Reserve Saturday 5/22 7-9pm for the Live Zoom auction event.

For more info, contact Doug Stewart [dougstewart@gmail.com](mailto:dougstewart@gmail.com)



### ***Spring Congregational Meeting***



We'll hold our annual Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 23rd from 11:30—1:00pm right after the service.

It'll be held in Zoom Room 1, the same Zoom Room we use for Sunday Services (so you can

use the same link, or just stay on after the service).

The agenda includes:

- "State of Beloved Community": brief reports from Laurel, Board, Committee on Shared Ministry and the Leadership Development Committee.
- Elections for elected positions
- Approve the 2021-2022 budget

Please attend, as key to our democratic governance is an informed community — and we need a quorum!

Questions? Contact Doug Stewart, [dougstewart@gmail.com](mailto:dougstewart@gmail.com)

### ***Pastoral Care News***

**Kent Robertson** is now in Brookdale Assisted Living, 1008 Rule Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525. His home has sold and his daughter Sherrie is offering some furniture to members of NUUC. If you are interested please click on link below to see the items and arrange with Janelle to view/pick-up items.

**Sherrie Richman** <[islegrooves@yahoo.com](mailto:islegrooves@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Hello all,

*We have a few nice items from my dad, Kent, we would like to give either to you or any Unitarian friends first. Janelle McGill has everything at her home to pick up so please reach out to her. If you'd like to check anything out, here is her email:*

**Janelle McGill** [janelle@jmcgillhomes.com](mailto:janelle@jmcgillhomes.com)

*Her cell is: (970) 443-9188*

*Right now all the items are on [this Google Drive Link](#).*

Kent would dearly love visitors. If you can, please contact Brookdale Activities Director: Mae Aguilar at 970-229-9777 or [maguilar20@brookdale.com](mailto:maguilar20@brookdale.com). Indoor visits are more complicated than outdoor visits; they need to be scheduled by contacting Mae for arrangements.

Artists' Corner (feat. Vicki Clark's photographs & Trish Murtha's watercolor)



## King Soopers Grocery Cards

When you use your Sooper Card or Alt ID (phone number at King Soopers, you can automatically designate Namaqua UU to receive 5% of ALL of your purchases (including gas and lottery tickets!). **However, you must designate NUUC as your Community Rewards recipient on the King Soopers web site.** To do that:

1. Go to [kingsoopers.com](http://kingsoopers.com).
2. If you've already been on the site, sign in to your account. If you have not visited the site before, go to [kingsoopers.com/signin?redirectUrl=/](http://kingsoopers.com/signin?redirectUrl=/) and click on the *Create an Account* link at the bottom of the page, next to "New to King Soopers?" You will be asked for some basic information, a valid email address, and your King Soopers reward number. If you do not have a King Soopers rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers.
3. Once you have signed into your account, hover over "My Account" (under your name in the top right corner of the page), then click on My Account in the drop-down menu.
4. On the left side of the page is a list of links. Under "My Account", click on the last link titled *Community Rewards*.
5. Search for *Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation* and then click Enroll.

When you make a purchase, you will see NUU noted at the bottom of your receipt. If you are a Safeway Shopper and do not have a rechargeable card, or have any questions, please contact Jeanne Miller or at [jkm530@hotmail.com](mailto:jkm530@hotmail.com) or 626-437-1950.

## Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team supports the congregation members and friends during difficult times. They take care of such needs as arranging for meals and running errands, rides to appointments, help with moving, 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, Els Deininger, Kathy Hartman, Sally Henry, Rev Laurel Liefert. [PastoralCare@NamaquaUU.org](mailto:PastoralCare@NamaquaUU.org)

**Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm the second Tuesday of the month either in our Zoom Room or 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, 2021)  
 Sarah Jane Wilhelm, Vice President (Board term expires 2021)  
 Dick Barton, Treasurer (Board term expires 2022)  
 Rebecca Williamson, Secretary (Board term expires 2021)  
 Pete Buchmeier, Trustee (term expires 2022)  
 Leonard Sokoloski, Trustee (term expires 2023)  
 Jessie Allen-Young, Trustee (term expires 2021)  
 Rev. Laurel Liefert, ex-officio

To comment to the Board, email [Board@NamaquaUU.org](mailto:Board@NamaquaUU.org)

To reach the President, email [President@NamaquaUU.org](mailto:President@NamaquaUU.org)

## NUUC Elected Leaders

### **Committee on Shared Ministries (CoSM)**

Sara Suriani (term expires 2022)  
 Brian Jarvis (term expires 2021)  
 Jauna Drake (term expires 2023)  
 Tom Mitchell (term expires 2023)  
 Fred Schrekinger (term expires 2023)

### **Leadership Development Committee (LDC)**

Susan Moody (term expires 2023)  
 Cherry Sokoloski (term expires 2023)  
 Kathy Hartman (term expires 2022)

**We are on the web!**  
**[www.NamaquaUU.org](http://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.

Our faith tradition calls us to actively engage in justice-making by advocating on behalf of oppressed peoples, working toward a healthier, more sustainable world, and witnessing for a more just and tolerant society.

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**Due dates for the next two issues:**

**For the June Newsletter: May 23**

**For the July Newsletter: June 20**

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