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From the Board Chair

Ingathering

In gathering
In the fall
In the church
In the quiet
In the noise
In thought
In the spirit
In anticipation
In calm
In the beginning
In the end
In transition
In gratitude
In hope
In love
In faith
In unison
Ingathering.

By [Tamara Lebak](#)
(Retrieved from
www.uua.org/worship/words)

Ingathering/Homecoming is something of a tradition in UU churches. Usually on the first Sunday after labor day, folks find their way back to the sanctuary, back to the circle, back to community. They find their way home to church. They find their way back from the many small adventures that Summer brings. I look forward to this day of homecoming with great anticipation every year. I'm not excited to see what's new, but to experience the familiarity and to recall the warmth of that tiny flame we will kindle each Sunday until next Summer.

There may be some novel developments to marvel over, sure: some change to our building or grounds or new worship elements, or a new cohort of trustees on the board. But it is the security of the expected, the centering of the same, the peace of the serene that really excites my soul.

Some Unitarian Universalist churches celebrate with a *Water Communion*, a mingling of waters from places congregants visited or that are important to them. Others have brought together soils and stones from home and afar. Some will bring a friend.

I trust that my faith family will bring tales of their travels. I also trust they will understand that for some, Summer is ordinary- not much different than the rest of the calendar year. I know some who yearn for the simplicity of hanging out at home.

Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whoever shared your journey.

Welcome back. You've been missed.

Darrell A. Dyke



Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

September 10	Susan Daiss
September 17	Rev. Libby Moore
September 24	Rev. Lori Staubitz
October 1	Rev. Donald J. Reidell

Coming Events

Sunday, September 10 - 9:30 am, Finance Meeting/Building & Grounds

Sunday, September 10 - Susan Daiss

Monday, September 11 – 6:30 pm, Potluck Supper. Join us for good food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass.

Thursday, September 14 – 7:00 pm, Meditation with John Mosher, Ph.D.

Sunday, September 17 - 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, September 17 – Rev. Libby Moore

Sunday, September 24 – Rev. Lori Staubitz

Sunday, October 1 – 9:30 am, Book Discussion. *See the next page for more information.* You do not have to have read the book to attend. Please join us!

Sunday, October 1 – Rev. Donald J. Reidell

Please Sign-Up to Bring a Snack for Coffee Hour

- Sign-up sheet available in the parish hall



Joys and Concerns

-Pat Cammarata has discovered a sister she never knew she had, and they are getting to know each other!

-Chris Loss has found that an ancestor, Ebenezer Culver, fought during the Revolution and is a known patriot. She is in the process of applying with the DAR.

-Alan Nugent took a trip down to Skynyrds Bar in St. George, South Carolina to watch the eclipse on August 21st. Then he went to Florida to visit friends.

-Rich and Eileen Della Costa are expecting another grandchild soon! This will be daughter Hannah and husbands' second child.

-Helen "Charlen" Kyle, former member of this church, died on August 15 in Fairfax, Virginia. She dedicated her life to working 28 anti-poverty programs and other programs to help the needy, elderly and homeless. She was a policy maker, administrator, grant writer, social worker, recipient, paralegal, journalist, librarian, and teacher. Her daughter, Heather Kyle, lives in Middleburg, VA. Her son, Patrick "Tiger" Kyle resides in Whitefish, Montana.



**** Check it Out - Website Recommendation ****

Pat Cammarata highly recommends “On Being with Krista Tippett”. The inspiring website contains a blog, articles, podcasts, etc.

On Being is a Peabody Award-winning public radio conversation and podcast, a Webby Award-winning website and online exploration, a publisher and public event convener. On Being opens up the animating questions at the center of human life: What does it mean to be human, and how do we want to live? We explore these questions in their richness and complexity in 21st-century lives and endeavors. We pursue wisdom and moral imagination as much as knowledge; we esteem nuance and poetry as much as fact.
(Retrieved 8/17/17, <https://onbeing.org/about/>)



The Pullman Community Spirit Award



At Albion High School’s annual Class Night held in June, the “Pullman Community Spirit Award” was awarded to Samuel Slick. The \$250.00 scholarship will assist Samuel as he begins the University at Buffalo this fall. In Samuel’s thank you letter to PMUC, he stated that he plans to major in “Engineering with an emphasis in aerospace and mechanical” and that “your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community”. He hopes to one day “be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me”.

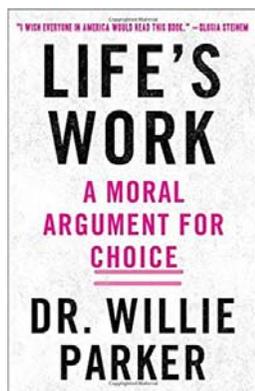
Eye on the Board

From the August 20th meeting:

- Darrell Dyke purchased a book for logging In-Kind donations. The book will be located on the table next to the telephone where people will be encouraged to log their In-Kind donations for acknowledgement purposes as well as possible future grant applications.
- The window repairs are finished and look great. PMUC received a check from our insurance company to help with reimbursing the repair costs.
- Dennis Seekins attended the meeting and discussed the two estimates for roof repairs. A third estimate from a local contractor has been requested.
- Conflict of Interest forms were handed and out and completed by those in attendance. The form will be sent out to the absent members.
- The pulpit has been scheduled for the year. Thank you to the committee for their hard work.
- The board is finalizing a date for a mini-retreat with Reverend Lori Staubitz. Darrell Dyke also recommended watching a UUA webinar series tailored to new board members.
- A motion was made and carried to donate the AED to an agency in need. The decision was made based on information learned from the Health Department regarding the needed training and maintenance issues.
- Diana Dudley brought up the need to clean basement and the recent low turnout for workbees.



Join us for the next Book Discussion -- October 1, 2017, 9:30 am



Please join us at the next book discussion on Sunday, October 1, at 9:30 am. The book for discussion will be, *Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice*, by Dr. Willie Parker.

* The book is available for loan via the NIOGA and Monroe County library systems.

In *Life's Work*, an outspoken, Christian reproductive justice advocate and abortion provider (one of the few doctors to provide such services to women in Mississippi and Alabama) pulls from his personal and professional journeys as well as the scientific training he received as a doctor to reveal how he came to believe, unequivocally, that helping women in need, without judgment, is precisely the Christian thing to do. (Retrieved 8/29/17, Amazon)

We Come to Love A Church

We come to love a church,
the traditions, the history,
and especially the people associated with it.
And through these people,
young and old,
known and unknown,
we reach out --

Both backward into history
and forward into the future --

To link together the generations
in this imperfect, but blessed community
of memory and hope.

by Andrew C. Kennedy

(Retrieved from UUA, <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/5433.shtml>)

Share the Pulpit

The below ministers have requested worship associates for the following dates. If you would like to volunteer to read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss (closs1626@gmail.com) or Darrell Dyke (darrell.dyke2@gmail.com) and let them know what date you are interested in "sharing the pulpit".

Rev. Lori Staubitz: 9/24/17, 10/8/17, 11/12/17, 12/10/17, 1/21/18, 2/4/18, 3/18/18, 4/15/18, 6/10/18

Susan Daiss: 9/10/17, 11/19/17, 12/17/17, 12/23/17, 1/14/18, 2/18/18, 3/25/18, 4/22/18, 5/13/18, 6/17/18

Rev John Rex: 10/15/17



Pullman Plaudits

-The Patriotic Service on 7/2/17 was a tremendous success with around 55 people in attendance. Rev. Gardner from the Gaines Congregational Church of Christ delivered the homily, and our own Darrell Dyke participated in the pulpit. The Lockport Men's Glee Club delivered a rousing presentation! Many thanks to Darrell for helping to organize the service, along with Rev. Don Algeo. Also thanks to C.W. Lattin for helping to open the building and do other prep work. And thanks to everyone who attended and who brought snacks!

-A deposit made in June didn't seem to make it to the bank! Thanks to Chris Loss, Diana Dudley, and Sylvia Goodstine for working with the Key Bank to find out what happened. It turned out that the deposit was stuck somehow in the night deposit box, which required some removal of parts of the box! Mystery solved!

-The book discussion on 7/16/17, which focused on 'On Tyranny' by Timothy Snyder went very well! Thanks to Chris Loss for leading the discussion. And thanks to Diana Dudley, Patrick Poland, Darrell Dyke, Liz Schaal, and Jessica George for participating. This group really was informed and prepared...great job!

- Many thanks to C.W. Lattin for his donations of materials and his labor working at PMUC! Just a portion of his good deeds included replacing and restoring the baseboard along the south wall of the dining room, varnishing and installing window moulding, removing paint chips and cleaning and treating the outside window sill (Tiffany Window), and monitoring the 5/26/17 wedding rehearsal including tidying up afterwards.



Assisted listening devices are available for services – available near the lectern

-The summer service and annual picnic on 8/6/17 was a big hit! Susan Daiss led the group discussion around the Mary Oliver poem 'The Summer Day'. The group also did a fun interactive activity!! The picnic was well attended and everyone had a great time! Many thanks to Al Capurso, Monica Beck and the band for providing music! Thanks to everyone who attended and brought food. Our Chairman, Darrell Dyke and his son, Aiden, did a great job obtaining the supplies for the picnic.

-Dennis Seekins has continued to do in-depth investigatory work regarding options for roof repair. This has involved hours of work!! Many thanks Dennis!

-John Mosher, Ph.D., was here on 8/9/17 to lead a meditation group. It was well attended and those who participated enjoyed it. This will become a monthly event at the church. Thanks to Chris Loss for helping to bring John here, and for providing snacks.

-Work on the Christ the Consoler window has been completed and it looks great! Thanks to Diana Dudley for overseeing the process! Tom Rivers came by and took a picture!

-Darrell Dyke, Diana Dudley, and Chris Loss attended a celebration and picnic at the World Life Institute in Waterport on 8/13/17 on behalf of the church. The event was intended to highlight testimonials of children from war torn countries who were able to come here and have a few months of fun, peace, and safety. We have worked with this group on several occasions in the past.



Pullman Plaudits continued

-Diana Dudley has been looking in the basement to see what needs to be cleaned out and has taken a few broken chairs in to Stockham Lumber to get some advice on how to fix them. She is absolutely amazing! Work bees haven't been well attended this summer, but everyone has been very busy. Other options are being considered for getting the necessary work done.

-Debby Rodrigues continues to send a check for the donated aluminum and returnable bottles/cans which she takes for processing. Thank you!

-Darrell Dyke and Diana Dudley have continued to be here on Wednesdays for the Rural Migrant group.

Support PMUC and the Planet



Just a reminder – We have a bin for refundable cans/bottles and one for aluminum. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*

- The bins are located in the vestibule at the ramp entrance.
- Please be sure the aluminum is clean and labels are removed.
- Please do not crush the aluminum.

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