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## Prayer for Mother's Day

Meditation

By [Wayne B Arnason](#)

Spirit of Life,

Known to us in many ways, but so often, in so many cultures, in the image of a mother,

Hold us in your arms this day.

Let all that we value and all that we hold dear in the images of motherhood we carry be our guide.

We are grateful for all the parents that share the community of this congregation: The young ones and the old ones, those still with us and those departed. May the blessings they give us be rich and overflowing. For some of us our experiences and images of parents have been tarnished by absence or abuse. Let us not forget that not all mothers, not all parents, have been able to rise to the many challenges that parenting brings us. May we find healing and maybe even forgiveness for all the ways that our parents fell short of fulfilling the love that gave us birth.

The community of this church gives us a great blessing: we are gifted with the chance to celebrate births, and parenting, and the glorious unfolding of human potential. Today is a day for such celebration. Let us make the most of it. Let us use it for thanksgiving and renewal and re-dedication in the good company of loved ones and friends.

May it be so! Amen.

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## Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

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May 6	Rev. Libby Moore
May 13	Susan Daiss
May 20	Rev. Bob LaVallee
May 27	Rev. and Doctor Don Algeo
June 3	Rev. Donald J. Reidell



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

## Coming Events

**Sunday, May 6** – Rev. Libby Moore

**Monday, May 7** – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. The *Long Strange Trip* video series continues. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

**Thursday, May 10** - 7:00 pm, Meditation with John Mosher, Ph.D.

**Sunday, May 13** – 10:00 am, Finance Meeting/Buildings & Grounds Committee  
Per Diana Dudley: Anyone who has a special interest in the maintenance and repair of our unique and beautiful building, please contact Diana at [diana527@gmail.com](mailto:diana527@gmail.com) or (585) 589-7542

**Sunday, May 13** – Susan Daiss

**Sunday, May 20** – 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

**Sunday, May 20** – Rev. Bob LaVallee

**Sunday, May 27** – Rev. and Doctor Don Algeo

### \*IMPORTANT\*

Please note: Some of our members and friends have sensitivities to fragrances and strong scents. We ask that you refrain from wearing strongly scented products when attending church so as not to negatively affect the health of those with sensitivities. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Joys and Concerns

April 8<sup>th</sup>

- Sylvia Goodstine – took a trip to Virginia to see her son and was delighted with the 70 degree weather! She was also proud to have managed to navigate the airports without incident!
- Mark Crosby – reported that he had a great time at the Potluck and very much enjoyed Darrell's video presentation and discussion.
- Darrell Dyke – his son, Leyland, is going to take his driver's test. Good luck, Leyland! And Tobin is currently in Florida for a conference. Darrell will be joining her later in the week, and they hope to see Alan Nugent.
- Rich Della Costa – spoke in remembrance of Stephen Hawking, who was a wonderful example of a person who transcended his disabilities. His life was an inspiration to so many people. It would be well worth it to read his books. Diana Dudley mentioned that she sees Helen Keller as hero and inspiration as well.
- Susan Frawley – is holding the family of a young boy who lost his life too soon in her heart. She was referring to the 7-year-old boy whose life was taken by his mother. This is such a sad tragedy for the family and the community.
- Chris Loss – had a scare with her grandson's health, but he is fine. It turns out that he had a night terror. Thank goodness he's ok!

April 15<sup>th</sup> – *Services Canceled*

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Rich Della Costa – talked about the incident at a Starbucks where two black youths were arrested for supposedly loitering. He was listening to a discussion about this on NPR and heard comments from several people. One African American caller was telling about advice his father gave him, that he should always buy something when going to any shop or somehow make it clear that he isn't just hanging out. And he bought more items through the years that he didn't need or want just to avoid trouble. Rich observed that racism is alive and well, and in light of our current political situation, there is a lot of work yet to be done. I know we all long for the day when racism is a thing of the past.
- Debby Rodrigues – in watching how the Quator family has navigated a mostly conservative community, it is heartening that there are kind and caring people. And she wanted to thank everyone who has helped out with their family home. . . looks super!
- Diana Dudley – spoke to Carlos Burroughs, Sara's son, who was present in church. Sara would have turned 85 years old today. Sara is very much missed. She was a wonderful, amazing woman. Chris Loss said that we will miss her great energy and humor. She had done so much for this church in the past! Diana asked Carlos what he would like the monetary contributions in Sara's honor to be used for, and he said he will speak to his family and let us know.
- Susan Daiss – spoke about her connection to Sara Burroughs through Sara's granddaughter Liz (Veronica's daughter). Liz also works at the Memorial Art Gallery, and has shared stories about Sara's beloved dog, playing in the basement, and so much more. Susan promised to mention that it would have been Sara's birthday today.
- Mark Crosby – recounted that when he was in rehab, about 60% of the residents were African American. One time, Mark mentioned that he understood their experience because he is gay. And he was politely told that he has no idea what it is like to face racial discrimination. While he can make the choice to reveal being gay or not, they cannot change what they look like. And the experience is ongoing.
- Darrell sent an e-mail to the congregation on April 17<sup>th</sup> with a Call for Comfort for Riyadh and Zuhreih. Through Debby Rodrigues, they asked that our members light a candle, say a prayer, or take a minute to meditate on the anguish they were feeling in the aftermath of the US military's bombing of Syria. Riyadh's mother and siblings are still there and they were weeping with worry for them. This must be horrible for them to go through!

**Memorial Day**  
Chalice Lighting  
By [Charles F Flagg](#)

In honor of those we have known and loved in the past,  
In recognition of the gifts and sacrifices they have made on our behalf,  
And in our sincere hopes that we may be worthy of their memory,  
We light our candles,  
We give our thanks,  
And we offer our prayers. AMEN.

(Retrieved from UUA Worship Collection: <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/memorial-day>)



## Celebrate Mother's Day with an Afternoon of Music and Fun (5/12/18)

Ron and Nancy OneSong will be our musical guests performing on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

Come early to tour the historic building and view the Tiffany stained-glass windows.

Free-will offering.



### Share the Pulpit Continues

If you would like to volunteer to be a worship associate and read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss ([closs1626@gmail.com](mailto:closs1626@gmail.com)) or Darrell Dyke ([darrell.dyke2@gmail.com](mailto:darrell.dyke2@gmail.com)).

### Pullman Plaudits

- What a pleasant surprise for the congregation to have had the Annual Meeting in the dining room, which hadn't been in use for more than 10 years due to the dilapidated conditions. It has been fixed up, cleaned out, curtains cleaned and hung, and the floor polished. Many thanks to Don Olsowsky for doing a lot of this work, and Diana Dudley, who even went out to get flowers to place on the table!! It looked wonderful. Monica Beck had cleaned the curtains and washed windows, and Julie Andrews, Sylvia Goodstine, and Joyce Riley had helped Diana with repairing the wicker chairs. Darrell had helped with the cleaning, and Don had washed all the baseboards and put them back all the way around the room. C.W. Lattin had hung the globes in the dining room and replaced bulbs in the chandelier. Great job folks! We can finally use the room!!
- Darrell Dyke has been continuing his video series on 'The Long, Strange Trip' that members have been enjoying at Potlucks.
- Darrell and the Board acted responsibly in the decision to cancel church services on April 15 during the ice storm. While the storm didn't end up being as bad as was predicted, they erred on the side of the safety of the minister and members and friends. And thanks to C.W. Lattin for posting a sign on the door that we were closed.
- Rev. Donald J Reidell's Easter service was especially nice!
- Darrell Dyke did a wonderful job leading the Annual Meeting, and compiling the reports prior to the meeting. Darrell told the members and friends that he accepted the job as chairman intending to learn from any mistakes and move forward, recognizing this as an important step as he moves forward with his intentions to pursue the ministry!
- Many thanks to Chris Loss for her service on the Board! Dick Hoffman was also due to leave the Board, but has elected to remain for another year! And welcome Jessica George to the Board!

## *Pullman Plaudits continued*

- Mark Crosby signed the book to become a member on April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the church service, with witnesses Darrell Dyke and Monica Beck! Welcome aboard Mark!! It is wonderful to have you here!
- Alan Nugent and Diana Dudley were applauded at the Annual Meeting for the great job they have been doing on the Treasurer and Endowment reports for each Board meeting. Alan also prepared the budget for the Annual Meeting.
- Liz Schaal, Alan Nugent, and Chris Loss were recognized at the Annual Meeting for producing the monthly Newsletters! Liz also opened the Google Drive folder for the reports.
- Diana Dudley pointed out at the Annual Review meeting that C.W. Lattin continues to decorate for the holidays, place flowers each Sunday on the pulpit, turn the heat up each Sunday, open the church for special occasions, and give tours through the building. And she also recognized Chris Loss for doing the programs each week, putting up the Wayside Pulpit, and making the coffee each week.
- Thanks to Chris Loss for ordering the pizza and making a cake, Darrell brought a salad, Sylvia Goodstine made cookies, Julie Andrews had caramel corn, Monica Beck brought scones, and Liz and Sylvia brought beverages for the Annual Meeting.

## **Eye on the Board**

The Board of Trustees met on April 17<sup>th</sup> due to the original meeting being cancelled April 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of the meeting was spent preparing for the Annual Meeting (4/22/18). However, some notes of interest:

- The budget year ended in the black with a positive balance of \$2929.03.
- The contract for the roof repairs is signed and the funds are in the account. Diana Dudley will check in with Country Contracting regarding starting the roof in May.
- The video series, “The Long, Strange Trip”, continues at the May potluck.
- The book discussion in May will be led by Jessica George.
- On Father’s Day (6/17), the piano will be dedicated in memory of Ron Beiswenger.
- Eight applicants have been received for the PMUC scholarship. Darrell Dyke and Rich Della Costa will begin the review.

## **Please Sign-Up to Bring a Snack for Coffee Hour**

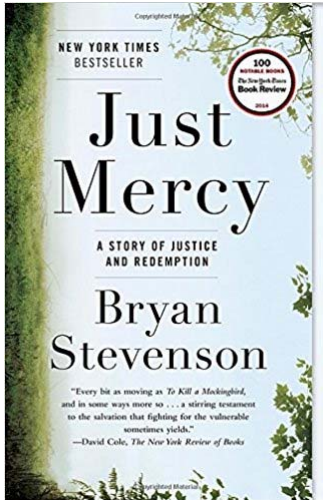
Sign-up sheet available in the parish hall



## Next Book Discussion (5/6/18)

Please join us for the next Book Discussion, which will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. *All are free to join even if you have not read the book.*

The book to be discussed is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. Jessica George will lead the group.



*Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.* (Retrieved 2/26/18, Amazon)

\* The book is available for loan via the NIOGA (e-format, audio, and print) and Monroe County library systems. However, feel free to join the discussion even if you have not read the book.

## 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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