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Community Means Strength

By *Starhawk*

We are all longing to go home to some place
we have never been—a place half-remembered and half-envisioned
we can only catch glimpses of from time to time.

Community.

Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak with passion
without having the words catch in our throats.

Somewhere a circle of hands
will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter,
voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our own power.

Community means strength
that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done.

Arms to hold us when we falter.

A circle of healing.

A circle of friends.

Someplace where we can be free.

from *Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex, and Politics* (Beacon Press)

(Retrieved 8/23/18 from UUA, <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/reading/community-means-strength>)

Welcome back to Pullman Memorial Universalist Church!

Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

September 9	TBA
September 16	Rev. Donald J. Reidell
September 23	Susan Frawley
September 30, <i>Piano Dedication</i>	Rev. Libby Moore
October 7	Rev. Renee Ruchotzke (<i>ruh-HUT-skee</i>)



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



Coming Events

Sunday, September 9 – Welcome back service

Monday, September 10 – 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.

Sunday, September 16 – 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, September 16 – Rev. Donald J. Reidell

Sunday, September 23 – Susan Frawley

Sunday, September 30 – Rev. Libby Moore and the Dedication of our New Piano in loving memory of Ron Beiswenger.

Sunday, October 7 – Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, UUA Congregational Life Staff, Central East Region

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

Sun, June 3

-Don Reidell reported that he went on an extended trip to Germany with his cousin to spend time with relatives and see some sights.

-Mark Crosby said he started out for Potsdam in his new van, but only made it to Rochester and had to return home! It seems that the van had a mind of its own and was too difficult to maneuver! So he had a mechanic check it out and he pronounced it in good shape. Now Mark will be doing some additional practicing to get used to it. Good luck, Mark!

Sun, Jun 10

-Lori Staubitz was sad to say that she attended a funeral service for a friend, Bobby Stevenson, who was an important influence on her. We are so sorry for your loss Lori!

-Monica Beck is now back from her trip to Maine, and she was there to do good work rather than it just being a vacation.

-Jessica George spent Friday and Saturday at Native American Community Services attending a conference on 'Restrictive Justice'. She found it so inspiring, and is considering helping to a group in this area.

-Lori's reading today was from the book 'Science and Religion' by Tad Clements. Tad was a retired professor who attended this church years ago and was beloved for his wit and gentle nature.

-Diana Dudley was in a local race and said she was 'happy I didn't die'! And rather than win as she normally does, she was beaten by another woman! Well, Diana continues to amaze us all!

Joys and Concerns *continued*

-Liz Schaal was sad about the death of Anthony Bourdain, who showcased other cultures and cuisines and made friendships all over the world. He gave others a window into the lives of many diverse cultures, promoting understanding and greater acceptance.

Sun, Jun 24

-Al Capurso wanted to invite everyone to the dedication of Beardsley Creek on July 28. This will complete a three pioneer sequence, with all three streams named after an area pioneer.

- Julie Andrews made it back and forth to Pittsburg in one piece, and is happy to report that her son is doing well! Very glad to have you back, Julie!

-Libby Moore is celebrating two grandchildren...the oldest is graduating from High School and the youngest took her first steps! Great job to both girls!

-Darrell Dyke is proud of Aiden, who is helping his girlfriend navigate a traumatic illness in her family.

-Chris and Ernie Loss celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 17th.

-Chris Loss had hernia surgery in July and has been recovering well.

-We will keep John Mosher in our thoughts as he is scheduled for heart surgery on September 10th at Strong Hospital! Let's hope for a speedy recovery!

Please Sign-Up to Bring a Snack for Coffee Hour

- Sign-up sheet available in the parish hall



Sun, Aug 5

-Julie Andrews injured her foot when she missed a step going downstairs! And she introduced her new friend, Brett to everyone.

-Rich Della Costa was happy that all of his kids and grandkids came home for a visit. They have two beautiful granddaughters, and now Dave and Yoko are also expecting and will have a daughter. That is truly being blessed!

-We welcomed two guests - Diane and Larry!

Eye on the Board

The Board of Trustees met on July 22nd. We have already recovered much of what we took from the endowment for roof expenses, as the market continues to do well. And with the gracious donation from Dick and Lysbeth Hoffman, there are adequate funds in the checking account. Additionally, the Board moved to authorize Diana Dudley, Chris Loss, and Sylvia Goodstine to do banking transactions at Key Bank.

Country Contracting has completed work on the roof, and it was noted that they did some extra work requested by the Building and Grounds Committee. The Board voted to approve the overage.

Potluck suppers will continue in September, and Darrell Dyke will continue 'The Long Strange Trip' discussion series. Darrell and Chris are working on the Pulpit Schedule for the year. The meditation group will continue when John Mosher's health improves.

The Board planned the August 5th church service and picnic. Susan Daiss will do an informal, interactive service. Al Capurso and band will provide music.



Eye on the Board *continued*

Committee Liaisons were selected. A mini-retreat was planned for October to discuss ways to increase membership. Susan Frawley has requested that this church host her ordination and the Board voted to approve this. Now a congregational vote is required.

The Board discussed an issue with a contractor we considered hiring and then didn't opt for who has submitted a bill for work that was not requested or authorized. A letter was sent indicating we have no obligation to pay the bill.

News from UUA Central East Region

Some Changes: Our primary contact from the UUA Congregational Life Staff will now be the Rev. Renee Ruchotzke who will be here in the pulpit on Sunday, October 7th. In addition, the greater Rochester and Buffalo area congregations will now be combined to form the WNY cluster.

Some Local Events:

Restorative Practices for Faith Communities

Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 10am-5pm, UU Church of Amherst, NY

Restorative practices, which involve the skilled use of Circles, provide an opportunity to identify and address harms, restore relationships and mend community. [More...](#)

Registration fee is \$30 per participant, includes lunch. Youth are welcome to attend this event.

WNY Board Development Day

Saturday, October 6, 2018, Pullman Memorial Church, Albion, NY

A day for congregational teams (board members and clergy) to explore and learn together. [More...](#)

9:00 am - Program

12:30 pm - Lunch & Networking

1:30 pm - Time for Individual Board Planning

4:30 pm - Share Plans and Closing

5:00 pm - Safe Travels!

Cost is \$15 per person.

Local Restorative Justice Circle

Restorative Justice is a community building and conflict resolution style based on indigenous practices around the world. The focus is to build relationships and community in order to respond to problems and conflicts in a way that mitigates damage, promotes healing, and restores the community.

The first restorative justice circle will take place Monday, September 17th at Hoag Library, Albion.

For more information or for those interested in getting involved in restorative justice in our community, please contact Jessica George at 585-590-9757 or Jessica.george@ppcwny.org.



Worship Associates Needed!

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) or Darrell Dyke (darrell.dyke2@gmail.com).

Pullman Plaudits

- Chris Loss said the Strawberry Festival went well on June 8 and 9 despite only being open to sell coffee and donuts both days. We made about \$95. Thanks to Sara Phillips, Diana Dudley, Chris Loss, and C.W. Lattin (Friday). Additional thanks to Chris Loss, Julie Andrews, Mark Crosby, and Diana Dudley on Saturday! Sara, Chris, and Diana donated supplies. Liz Schaal gave a donation to help buy beverages!
- Diana Dudley and Don Olsowski were applauded in church on June 10 for various work done including painting the ramp, trimming the tree, cutting back the yucca plant, and decorating around the church
- Rev. Libby Moore did a great job at the Annual Cobblestone Service at the Cobblestone Church in Childs on June 24, and she really enjoyed this new experience!
- Country Contracting has completed their work on the roof in July! What a great item to report! Thanks to Diana Dudley, Dick Hoffman, Dennis Seekins, and all who helped make this happen.
- Many thanks to Susan Frawley, Darrell Dyke, and Diana Dudley for another successful Patriotic Service on July 1. About 45 people were in attendance and \$237 was donated to the Cobblestone Society.
- A special thanks to Dick and Lysbeth Hoffman for their generous donation to the church. Dick read a letter to the Board and said that he feels the church is going in the right direction. This is an incredible, generous gift!
- Many thanks to all who attended the summer service and picnic on August 5. Susan Daiss was here for an informal service, with around 15 in attendance. Twenty-five people came to the picnic at Bullard Park. Darrell Dyke and Diana Dudley picked up supplies, Jessica George brought the meat and buns, and Kevin George did the grilling. Great job! Al Capurso and his band provided music. And Don Olsowski preheated the grill!
- Darrell Dyke has been working hard with Seminary work. He has been traveling a lot and studying a lot. Great work, Darrell.

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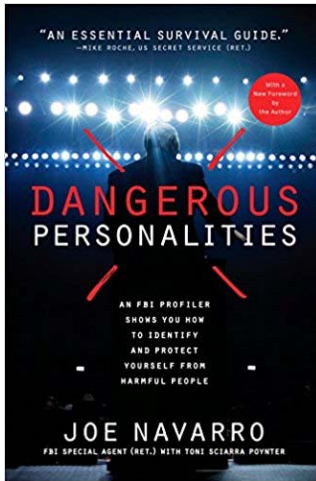


Just a reminder – We have a bin for refundable cans/bottles and one for aluminum. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*

- 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.

Next Book Discussion (October)

Please join us for the next Book Discussion, which will be held in October (date to be announced). The book to be discussed is *Dangerous Personalities: An FBI Profiler Shows You How to Identify and Protect Yourself from Harmful People* by Joe Navarro.



(Retrieved 8/20/18, Amazon)

The book opens your eyes to toxic individuals who wreck so many lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually, even financially. What types of people have the potential for possible danger? How do you know if a person is merely difficult or is someone to avoid? What are the four types of personalities who cause all the trouble in the world? Have you ever met a narcissist, a predator, a paranoid, or an unstable person? If you haven't so far, you will. You may have family members who cause a lot of trouble. Be armed with knowledge so you can protect your family and avoid becoming a statistic. Chris Loss will be your host for this interesting topic.

* The book is available for loan via the NIOGA and Monroe County library systems. However, feel free to join the discussion even if you have not read the book.

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