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Warmth in Winter

Now has come hard winter,

With whip of wind and slash of snow

and the diamond-bright stars in the black ice of the heavens.

Just as we resist the season with shovel and scraper, wool and windbreaker,

we embrace it with sled and snowboard, cocoa and comforter.

Winter is here: let us find warmth in this time of being together.

By Ben Soule

(Retrieved on 11/28/18 from <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/warmth-winter>)



Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

December 2	Rev. Lori Staubitz
December 9	Rev. Susan Frawley
December 16	Susan Daiss
December 23, 7:00 pm , <i>Annual Candlelight Service</i> ** No Morning Service **	Rev. Lori Staubitz
December 30, <i>Annual Fireside Service</i>	Rich Della Costa



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

Coming Events

Sunday, December 2 - Rev. Lori Staubitz

Monday, December 3 – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

Sunday, December 9 – Rev. Susan Frawley

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

Sunday, December 16 – Susan Daiss

Sunday, December 23 – *No Morning Service*

7:00 pm, Annual Candlelight Service



The Annual Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 PM. The Rev. Lori Staubitz will be in the pulpit. Please plan on attending to get a dose of holiday spirit! You are also invited to bring cookies or a snack to share!! Happy Holidays to you and your family!!

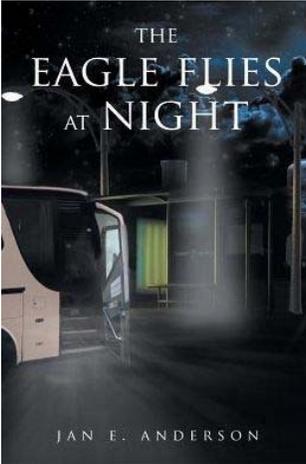
Sunday, December 30 – Annual Fireside Chat with Rich Della Costa

Please Sign-Up to Bring a Snack for Coffee Hour

Sign-up sheet available in the parish hall



The Next Book for Book Discussion



The next book for discussion in late January or early February will be 'The Eagle Flies at Night' by Jan Anderson, author from the UU Church of Belfast, Maine. This is a fictional story about a spiritual community struggling to deal with an influx of refugees that have settled in their community.

What does an ordinary community do when the state department settles refugees in their city? How does the arrival of refugees challenge the hearts and minds of residents? These are the questions Reverend Thomas Giles asks himself and his congregation as they wrestle with the ways that compassion is manifested in the city of Portland, Maine. (Retrieved 11/27/18, Amazon)

(Retrieved 11/27/18, Barnes & Noble)

We had received an e-mail from Jan Anderson letting us know that her book is now available. The book can be purchased through Amazon or Barnes & Noble (e-book -\$10), and there will be a few available to borrow from the church over the next few weeks.

Joys and Concerns

Sunday, Oct 28

-Piano Dedication Service (dedicated lovingly to Ron Beiswenger)
-Diana Dudley expressed that she had enjoyed working with Ron Beiswenger and misses him a great deal. She chose to play 'Largo' for the piano dedication because her late daughter, Holly, had requested the piece be played at her funeral, and it is a lovely piece.
-Chris Loss said she is finding that as time goes on, she misses Ron more and more. She has so many good memories of laughing together, working on projects, talking about many topics, and funny things that happened. She said he will always be in her heart.



Bonnie and Tanya Beiswenger at piano dedication.

-Monica Beck's joy is being here for the dedication service and listening to the beautiful piano and incredible music! Amen Monica!

Sunday, Nov 4

-Bonnie Beiswenger expressed deep gratitude for the wonderful piano dedication service last week that meant so much to her, her family and friends.



Joys and Concerns *continued*

-Rich Della Costa wanted to mention the caravan in Mexico. When he and Eileen were in the Peace Corps they served on the border in El Salvador and Guatemala. These refugees are the victims of our own effort to democratize, and resulted in three generations having to escape the violence. It's ironic that our government caused this and are now demonizing them as they try to find asylum.

-Chris Loss wanted to point out that her mom, Jean Bistoff, would have turned 100 years old on Nov. 6th. She loved this church so much, and is so much missed.

-Monica Beck observed that the leaves are more beautiful than ever. This is a gift from Mother Nature!

-Jessica George is so proud that her daughter, Harper, has reached that special milestone of using the potty, and also that she chose the library as her treat! Great job, Harper!

-Darrell Dyke has been following the progress of the refugees as they move north, and remembers when his boys were little and they were struggling a bit, and he would tell them that things will get better. The refugee parents are no doubt telling their children the same thing, and he hopes that things do get better for them.

-Sylvia Goodstine has memories of the first little boy she helped bring into the world as a nurse. The dad was so supportive. She thinks of him singing lullabies and wishes every person could look at their children the way he was.

-Chris Loss thanked Lori Staubitz for the great job she did with the vigil held in Brockport on Friday.

-Joyce Riley asked people to get out and exercise your right to vote. Otherwise, you have no right to complain! She's also grateful that her son and grandson are doing so well. She is also thankful for the ministers we have in the pulpit here!

-Diana Dudley received a letter from the Quadour family, thankful that so many have donated to them. The card said that this church has been a breath of fresh air in their lives! It was signed by the parents, and each child wrote their name.



Al Capurso at the November 25th service

-Carol Taillie is thankful to spend a weekend with her grandchildren. They will be moving soon to an independent living facility and are excited about that.

Sunday, Nov 11

-Debby Rodrigues has an update on the card the Quadours sent to Diana for the generous donations. Riyadh has been working 12-hour days and lost some additional support, and the kids have had some struggles acclimating to life here. The donations are needed more than ever. However, they are all safe and loved!

-Chris Loss is very glad about the blue wave!

Sunday, Nov 18

-Hillary wanted to say that her Aunt Diana Dudley's neighbor, Mrs. Pulley, died on Monday.

-Bonnie Beiswenger introduced us to Dickie, whom she met in Maine over the summer. He helped her with some yard work, and they had coffee, and became fast friends. Welcome to Pullman Dickie!

Joys and Concerns *continued*

-Mark Crosby pointed out the safety pin he wears and explained what it means! He also celebrated a special 32-year milestone last Saturday. Congratulations Mark!

-Patrick Poland was recalling WWI and pointed out that we need to pay attention to the signs that led up to it and compare with what is happening today...there are eerie similarities.

-Debby Rodrigues has been going to school conferences with the Quadour children, and Marah brought up with great pride that her father would be delivering the prayer at our Thanksgiving meal today! We are honored to have him!

-Diana Dudley just bought a Chevy Bolt, an electric car! No gas at all is required! She decided to be a pioneer in this effort, and if everyone made the switch, we could say goodbye to wars being fought over oil! The color is a shocking lime green!

-Carol Taillie was very grateful that while her husband, Paul, did fall last Sunday, her son was there to help him up, and he's fine.

Sunday, Nov 25

-Joyce Riley is grateful and happy that her son and grandson came out for Thanksgiving. They had the best time!

-Monica Beck had a nice Thanksgiving! Fiona came out and they reunited with some family, and had a nice meal.

-Chris Loss had a wonderful Thanksgiving with the family, but did have a bit of a snafu with the turkey! After nine days of supposed thawing in the fridge, when she took it out on Thanksgiving morning, it was still frozen! So the 1:30 pm meal turned into the 4:00 pm meal!

-Sylvia Goodstine had a new member born into the family. She was proud to hold Eleanor Page Schultz on Thanksgiving day! Congratulations on the new arrival!

-Darrell Dyke said he slept through Thanksgiving! The whole family has been sick! He also had a joy that Aidan's girlfriend's brother was able to receive a kidney. Though a sorrow for the family whose loss meant an available kidney.

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.*

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.

Eye on the Board

The Board of Trustees met again on Sunday, November 25. Our endowment is down by five percent due to a recent market correction.

Building and Grounds have been given a verbal estimate from Klaus Flautt to do the heat tapes on the roof, and will request a quote in writing. Paul Dorsey has been approached regarding repair of the crumbling plaster on the east wall of the kids' room, the east wall and ceiling above the fireplace, and in the stairway leading to the upper room over the kitchen. Quotes have been requested. Our custodian Don Olsowski has vacuumed out cold air returns and heat registers, painted all exposed white plastic pipes outside the building, reset two underground gutters and bedded with gravel and capped with new pop-up emitters, and changed the sign on the Wayside Pulpit weekly.

The December pulpit schedule is all set. Rev. Lori Staubitz will be in the pulpit for the Annual Candlelight Service on December 23rd. On that Sunday, there will be the evening service only! We will have to check on the candles. Rich Della Costa will talk about early 20th Century art cultural change at the Annual Fireside Service on December 30th. Another book discussion is being planned for late January or early February.

Scott Orange from the Center for Resolution and Justice talked to the Board about the kinds of services he offers such as mediation, conflict coaching, and individual coaching.

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was a resounding success with 50 people in attendance, and the Piano Dedication Service was also well attended.

The Board discussed a possible Mini-Retreat in the Spring.



PMUC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 2018

Pullman Plaudits

-Many thanks to Darrell Dyke, Rich Della Costa, Susan Daiss, Diana Dudley, Al Capurso, and especially, Bonnie Beiswenger for making the Piano Dedication Service on Sunday, October 28 such a success. On that day, our new baby grand piano was lovingly dedicated to Ron Beiswenger, who passed away a year ago. Family and friends of Bonnie and Ron were present. Rich Della Costa played 'For Ron', Diana Dudley's piece was 'Largo', Bonnie Beiswenger performed 'Beloved', and Al Capurso sang a Beatles favorite 'In My Life'. Darrell presented a plaque to Bonnie and daughter, Tanya. The theme of the service was 'When Words Fail, Music Speaks'.

-The book discussion group met on November 4 to review Joe Navarro's 'Dangerous Personalities', led by Chris Loss. Diana Dudley, Gerald Lombardi, Julie Andrews, Jessica George, and Sylvia Goodstine attended. Many thanks to Chris Loss for doing all the prep work that makes her book discussions so interesting!

-A Potluck supper was held on November 5, and it was a fun, relaxing time! Diana Dudley, Darrell Dyke, Jessica George, Sylvia Goodstine, Rich Della Costa, Joyce Riley, and Chris Loss were there!

-Rev. Lori Staubitz, representing Compassionate Brockport, organized a vigil in Brockport on Friday, October 30 at Sagawa Park. This event was held to mourn the recent loss of life in the shooting in a Pittsburg synagogue. It also was to reaffirm that hate has no place in the community. It was well attended and very moving. Several members from PMUC were there!

-Joyce Riley is to be honored for running for Councilperson for the Town of Gaines in November. She only fell short by a few hundred votes, and she is a woman of courage who took a stand and put up a good fight. Keep on fighting for what you believe, Joyce! We are very proud of you!

-Thanks to all who attended the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18 and made it such a success! Around 50 people attended, and the food was amazing. Riyad Quadour gave a very special prayer! We had some guests here from BUUF, and it was great to see them. A special thanks goes to Darrell Dyke and Tobin Carson for cooking two turkeys. Don Olsowski also did a great job setting up the dining room.

-Many thanks to C.W. Lattin for continuing to open the church on Sunday mornings and turning up the heat, among the many things he does.

-Don Olsowski and Diana Dudley continue to put up the Wayside Pulpit each week, with sermon titles as well as the speakers.

-Sylvia Goodstine continues to bring yummy goodies for coffee hour each week. We are so lucky to have her with us! Thank you Sylvia!

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 (clloss1626@gmail.com) or Darrell Dyke (darrell.dyke2@gmail.com).



Few More Photos



Rev. Libby Moore and Al Capurso

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We are a welcoming congregation

