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<b>Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM</b> (unless otherwise noted)	
February 2	Reverend Libby Moore
February 9	Reverend Lori Staubitz
February 16	Susan Daiss
<b>February 21, Friday Evening, 7:00 pm</b>	Jessica George
<b>February 23, No Service</b>	<b>No Service on Sunday</b>
March 1	Reverend Lori Staubitz

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

## Coming Events

**Sunday, February 2** – Reverend Libby Moore

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

**Sunday, February 9** – Reverend Lori Staubitz

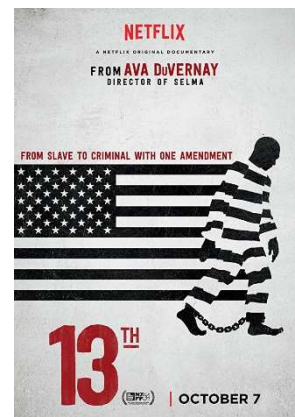
**Tuesday, February 11** – 7:00 pm, Board of Trustees meeting

**Thursday, February 13** – 6:30 pm, Meditation with Bill Vosteen

**Sunday, February 16** – Susan Daiss

**Friday Evening, February 21** - 7:00 pm – We will be watching the Oscar nominated documentary, *13<sup>th</sup>*. The documentary explores race, privilege, and the creation of the US prison industrial complex. Please note, the film does discuss and sometimes depict violence, including suicide, police brutality, and sexual assault, and there is strong language at times. Jessica George will lead the discussion.

**Please note: No Service on Sunday, February 23.**



(Retrieved 1/29/20, Imdb)



**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

**The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting, 11 am – 1 pm, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Please plan to attend!**

- Every year this meeting is held to address the congregation and report on the progress of the year, vote on Board members and officers for the coming year, and give the congregation a chance to have a voice and add their input.
- *The meeting will be held in lieu of a regular church service at 11 am. Lunch will be provided.*
- Your attendance is very important because business cannot be conducted unless there is a quorum of 15 voting members present!

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Please note the following will be under consideration for vote at the next annual meeting.

**Proposed By-Law Change to *Article IV – Membership***

**CURRENT WORDING** -- Section 6 – Removal:

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**The section highlighted in red shall be removed from the by-laws. (Rev. 4/26/20)**



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

-C.W. Lattin expressed thanks for the beautiful framed picture he received of the church decorated for the holidays. It was a gift from the church to honor the beautiful job he did preparing the church for the season's festivities.

-Rev. Susan Frawley expressed sorrow about the death of local man, Jared Fearby, who drowned at Johnson Creek while fly-fishing with his grandfather on January 3rd. The death of such a young man has truly impacted the community.

-Jessica George, our Chair, has had some troubling news from her doctor. Positive thoughts her way would be much appreciated!

-Mark Crosby is back from his trip to Florida and it's clear he was very much missed! He traveled to a conference that was attended by around 700 people and felt a great sense of welcome.

-Liz Schaal's father had a stroke recently and is in the hospital! Let's hope that for a full and speedy recovery! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Liz!!!

-Diana Reed sends a "hello" to everyone from Mt. Dora, Florida! She misses everyone and hopes to see us in the spring! She had a wonderful holiday with friends from her church in Florida and family.

-Alan Nugent also sends greetings to us from Cape Canaveral in Florida! He misses everyone and will see us in the spring!

-A local school district is in need of new undergarments for children!! All sizes and genders are needed and a box will be at the church for your donations. Cash donations and gift cards will also be accepted. See Jessica George for more details.

## \* PMUC Pledges \*

The budget year for PMUC ends 3/31/2020. Please remember to honor your pledge. Contact Sylvia Goodstine ([mgoodstine@yahoo.com](mailto:mgoodstine@yahoo.com)) if you need a current balance or need to adjust your pledge amount.

## Eye on the Board

- The Board of Trustees met on January 14. We received year end dividends from our Vanguard funds totaling \$3,354.90. Our current checking account balance is \$7,796.44, including the \$4,500 designated for window repair. Endowment income for fiscal year 2019 now totals \$11,354.65. We will receive about \$1,100 from our UUCEF account on January 17 and about \$2,600 from Vanguard at the end of March. Our endowment closed at a record high amount at the 2019-year end.
- Frontier came out to fix the furnace, and added a new circuit board. The church Sexton, Don Olsowski, continued with many duties, including snow removal, vacuuming, changing the sign outside, taking out the garbage, setting up for events, mopping, cleaning the bathrooms, purchased needed items, turning on the heat tapes, and returning bottles and cans, etc.
- Chris Loss created a phone tree to be used when the church needs to be closed due to inclement weather. The congregation will be asked to check their e-mail if the weather is bad before venturing to church.
- A Memorial Service for Dick Hoffman was discussed, and April 19th is the tentative date.
- Liz Schaal and Jessica George have worked hard, and we now have Wi-Fi throughout the church!
- The Annual Meeting date was set for April 26th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm with no regular church service. Reports will be distributed via e-mail.
- Chris will work on our UUA certification data that needs to be submitted by February 2nd. This includes information on leadership, membership, and financial information that is used to formulate our 'Fair Share' for dues.
- A local nurse is requesting donations of underwear for children of all sizes and genders in case of accidents. Jessica will have a box at the church for the donations. Gift cards and cash donations will also be accepted.

## Small Ways to Support PMUC . . .

- Be a worship associate for a service: volunteers are needed to read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship. You will not be graded on this! Give it a try. Contact Chris Loss ([closs1626@gmail.com](mailto:closs1626@gmail.com)) for more information.
- Sign up to bring a snack for coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.
- [PMUC's Facebook page](#) is updated frequently by Jessica George with content that is not only church related but with issues and events concerning our values. *Follow us, like us, and share content!*
- Donate refundable cans or bottles to PMUC. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*



## Pullman Plaudits

-Rev. Lori Staubitz and her Brockport Interfaith Ministry Colleagues have been helping a family try to pick up the pieces from a tragedy. If you are interested in helping fix up the home or are interested in making a donation, please contact Lori. Donations will help pay off the mortgage.

-Many thanks to those who attended the Potluck supper on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Great food and lots of laughs were had. And we were treated to mulled wine!!



## **Pullman Plaudits** *continued*

-Sylvia Goodstine has been bringing amazing treats for coffee hour! She always has cheese and crackers, fruit, and either a cake or pie. She is truly spoiling us!! Thanks Sylvia!

-Bill Vosteen continues to lead the meditation group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month! Great job, Bill!

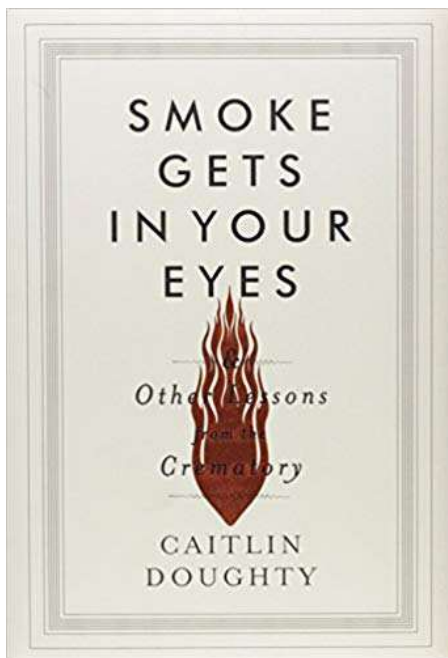
-Al Capurso and Ken Capurso continue to see weight loss success from their surgeries a few months ago!

-Susan Daiss and Rich Della Costa treated us to a musical meditation on January 12th! Rich played around 6 lovely pieces that went along with Susan's words about respite from the storm. And boy, did we all need a little peace from the events in the news!

-Don Olsowski, beloved church Sexton, has continued to keep the church clean and in great condition, and we just can't say enough about how much he is appreciated!!

-We have WiFi now!! Thanks to Liz Schaal and Jessica George, we now have WiFi that can be accessed throughout the church!! This will help a great deal with programming and conferences at the church!

-Thanks to Monica Beck for leading the Friday Evening Service on January 24<sup>th</sup> on the topics of health. It was very informative and fun!!



## **Date Change for Next Book Discussion** **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am**

Liz Schaal will be leading the book discussion. The book for the discussion is *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory* by Caitlin Doughty. Please note, this book contains details in regards to preparation of the dead. The topic may not be suitable for everyone.

**"Morbid and illuminating" (*Entertainment Weekly*)—a young mortician goes behind the scenes of her curious profession.**

“Caitlin Doughty is a mortician, activist, and funeral industry rabble-rouser. In 2011 she founded the death acceptance collective The Order of the Good Death, which has spawned the death positive movement.” (Retrieved 12/28/19, <http://www.caitlindoughty.com/>)

**\* This book is available via the NIOGA and Monroe County Library Systems.**

*You do not have to have read the book to attend the discussion. Please join us!*

## Letter to the Editor

Reverend Lori Staubitz submitted the following article to a local newspaper.

### “Heart and Home; Brockport Reaching Out”

It doesn't take much to break a family's heart; the death of a child, loss of a job or a family member in a health crisis. But when a single family is hit by all three of these devastating events, it is enough to break spirits. A single call by the Brockport Interfaith Ministries to “check in” opened doors to assist a local family in need. Neighbors, local businesses and Clergy joined together across ethnic, cultural and religious identities to help offer a fresh start, beginning with a new coat of paint.

“Seeing how much others struggle can really help give you a new perspective on your own life. Volunteering with complete strangers who quickly became friends was very rewarding”, says volunteer Andrew Bernard.

By simply showing up, the message is clear - you are not forgotten or alone. Knowing you are part of a caring community can work wonders for those who have fallen on hard times. It is heartwarming to know, in these times of great divisions that we are finding common ground to act for the good of our town. The following words are from the homeowner and neighbor: “I do not have the words to express my thanks! How can I ever repay you?”

Special thanks to all; businesses, people and congregations who assisted with home renovations and financial support...And thank you to our neighbor John who opened his heart and his home to help us continue our efforts to strengthen the bonds of community one act at a time.

Hometown Energy-Brockport, Sherwin Williams-Brockport; Place Integrated LLC- Andrew Bernard; Beyond Yoga-Melissa Kleehammer; Lowe's-Brockport; Calm in the Chaos, Interfaith Ministry-Rev. Darla Bair; Brockport: Rev. Dan Brockway and a member of the Brockport First Baptist Church, Rev. Elizabeth Hardin; St. Luke's Episcopal/Brockport, Rev. Eric Helms; Brockport United Methodist; Rev. Lori Staubitz; Unitarian Universalist; Rev. Nickolas J Doorland; First Presbyterian Brockport, *Carol Tallie and Chris Loss-Pullman Memorial Universalist, Albion*, Ward Staubitz-Town of Sweden; Carol Wilbur-Brockport, and Barbara Short-Hilton.

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*We are a welcoming congregation*

