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From the Board Chair

Fall at Pullman is shaping up to be quite a season! We are ironing out the kinks in this new type of hybrid services we are implementing, exploring ways to help us all be the change we want to see in the world, jumping in where our community needs us, and working to support each other as we navigate our own individual roads ahead. None of these being small tasks.

As I write this, I have just returned home from our first service of the church year with our minister in person. Led by Susan Daiss, it was just what I needed to hear. She spoke of the changing seasons, the changing trees, and our changing world. She reminded us that we are called to “begin again in love”, as that familiar responsive reading says. And here we are—at the beginning of a new season, a new church year, and a new world—beginning again in love.

As we navigate all of this newness, I hope that we can continue to find here that which we have worked to cultivate: hope, acceptance, and community. Now, more than ever, I need my church family, and I and the board are working hard to be able to reach our entire family as best as we can. We ask for patience and flexibility as we navigate the challenges of bringing services into our new, technologically dominant world, and we ask for kindness, mercy, and understanding as things inevitably go wrong and don't work as planned. Stay tuned for additional updates on services and for the recordings of the services we've had in the past. Anyone wishing to lend a hand in any of these tasks is encouraged to reach out to a board member, and, as always, we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

In love,
Jessica George



Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

Unless it states “via Zoom”, the presenter will be in person at PMUC. A link will be sent out each week, and you may watch the presenter via Zoom, or you may attend the service at church. If you come to the church, please wear your mask and read more in the newsletter regarding safety guidelines.

When the presenter is *via Zoom*, a link will be sent out to join the Zoom service. (The church will not be open.)

October 4	Reverend Libby Moore
October 11	Reverend Susan Frawley
October 16, Friday Evening, 7:00 pm	Reverend Lori Staubit (via Zoom only)
October 18, No Service	No Service on Sunday
October 25 <i>Memorial Service for Dick Hoffman</i>	Susan Daiss
November 1	Reverend Libby Moore

Coming Events

Sunday, October 4 – 11:00 am, Reverend Libby Moore

Monday, October 5 – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. Please bring a restaurant or store bought food item to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

Sunday, October 11 – 9:00 am, Book Discussion with Bob Golden leading.
(See page 4 for more information.)

Sunday, October 11 – 11:00 am, Reverend Susan Frawley

Wednesday, October 14 – 7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Friday Evening, October 16 - 7:00 pm, *All Souls Memorial* with Reverend Lori Staubit *via Zoom*.
(Church not open.)

Sunday, October 25 – 11:00 am, Memorial Service for Dick Hoffman with Susan Daiss

We will be sharing memories and honoring PMUC lifetime member, Dick Hoffman who passed away last October.

Sunday, November 1 – 11:00 am, Reverend Libby Moore

Meditation

Meditation with Bill Vosteen occurs every Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you would like to receive emails with Zoom information, please contact Chris Loss at closs1626@gmail.com.



Safety Guidelines for in Person Attendance

- Masks are to be worn at all times
- We will be maintaining social distance
- Singing will be limited during services and masks **MUST** be worn
- The offeratory will be done during coffee hour via a plate on the table, instead of during the service
- All coffee hour food will be individually wrapped and/or served by a single congregation member
- The church will be sanitized by our sexton (Don) following every service

GIVING

Donations can still be submitted through PayPal on the PMUC website. Go to <https://pullmanmemorial.org/> and scroll down to the “Your Kind Donation” section.

There will also be a collection plate available should you attend services in person.

If you would prefer to mail a check, please make it payable to *Pullman Memorial Universalist Church* and mail to *PMUC, PO Box 87, Albion, NY 14411*

Thank you for supporting your PMUC Community!

Eye on the Board

The board met on September 16, 2020.

- Our pledges have been low this month, but on a good note, so have the utilities.
- We have started paying our UUA dues this month and they continue for 10 months.
- The work on the window wells that Panek had originally planned to do in the spring is now scheduled for October.
- The welcome back service with attendees in person watching the presenter on Zoom did not work out well. Several tech and Wi-Fi issues occurred. It was decided that when the presenter prefers Zoom, the service will be only via Zoom versus watching at the church.
- The details for Dick Hoffman’s memorial service were finalized.

Pastoral Care Available

Just a reminder, Susan Daiss is available for “telecomforting” and is available at the following phone numbers: 585.383.1636 (H) and 585.317.0129 (C). Thank you Susan!



Next Book Discussion October 11, 9 am

Come join us at PMUC on Sunday, October 11 at 9 am. Bob Golden will be leading the discussion for *So you want to talk about race* by Ijeoma Oluo. You do not have to had read the book to partake in the discussion.

In this *New York Times* bestseller, Ijeoma Oluo offers a hard-hitting but user-friendly examination of race in America. Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy -- from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans -- has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. How do you tell your roommate her jokes are racist? Why did your sister-in-law take umbrage when you asked to touch her hair -- and how do you make it right? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend?

In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. *(Retrieved 9/1/20, Amazon)*

*** This book is available at the Monroe County Library Systems.**



Pullman Plaudits

-Many thanks to Rev. Lori Staubitz for kicking off the church year with a 'Welcome Back Service' on September 13th. And thanks to all who attended the church hoping to catch her Zoom service on our new TV! However, for a combination of reasons, that first effort wasn't as successful as we had hoped! This is all a work in progress. and there will be few glitches! But it was great to be together in the church!

-Erica Wanecski hosted the first Friday Evening Service on September 18th at the church and on Zoom, and that went very well!! Everyone was surprised that the first mental health facilities in the mid 1800's were so luxurious and well designed.

-Kudos to Jessica George for the success she had with a client recently in New York City!!

-Thanks to Jessica George, Gary Kent, Bob Golden, and the crew who have been at the church every Saturday to help with registering voters.

-Susan Daiss held our first live service (and on Zoom) on Sept 27th and it was a wonderful! Rich Della Costa played the piano, Jessica George hosted Zoom, Chris Loss made coffee, C.W. Lattin provided a beautiful bouquet of flowers, Sylvia Goodstine brought grape pie and spice cake, and it felt like coming home again! And 25 years ago on the 4th Sunday in September, Susan led her first service alone at PMUC!! Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dick Hood, who was attending the Zoom service, said 'what a tremendous joy to see, twenty-five years of Susan giving her special gifts to the church.' And yes, we are so fortunate to have Susan with us! She has been a tremendous asset for all of these years!

-Thanks to Freeman Lattin for cleaning out the basement! It was a job that needed to be done and it looks so much better!!

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