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From the Board Chair

Hello all,

As we come into fall, I am reminded again of my Pagan roots. Fall for us Pagans is the time of the year when we harvest, consider the rewards of our labors, and seek rest and restoration. It's a time for reflection and remembrance. For us UUs, it's the start of a new year. The resting during summer is over and we are looking forward to returning to services. This year that means more than it normally does as we look forward to being in the church again on September 13.

Our welcome back won't be the same this year— we'll be social distanced and wearing masks, we'll have limited singing, our ministers will be with us virtually, as will many of our church family members. But the church has never been our building, beautiful as it may be, it has always been us. The people committed to loving each other and our community, even on our bad days.

As I write this my phone is pinging every minute or so with updates on what is happening in Rochester. So close, yet somehow, feeling so very far away right now. I want to remind us all to hold with love those struggling against police brutality and state sanctioned violence on both sides of the barricades. I have found it hard to do that myself— I've found myself angry, cynical, and without hope so often this summer— but we are called to love, nonetheless. May our fall harvest be of love and hope. It's what we need most in this rapidly changing world.

In love,
Jessica George

Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

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

September 13, Welcome Back!	Reverend Lori Staubitz
<i>September 18, Friday Evening, 7:00 pm</i>	Erica Wanesci (in person)
September 20, No Service	No Service on Sunday
September 27	Susan Daiss
October 4	Reverend Libby Moore

Coming Events

Sunday, September 13 – 11:00 am, Welcome Back with Reverend Lori Staubitz.

Monday, September 14 – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. Please bring a restaurant or store bought food item to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

Wednesday, September 16 – 7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Friday Evening, September 18 - 7:00 pm, Erica Wanesci on Mental Health rights.

Sunday, September 27 – 11:00 am, Susan Daiss

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

Safety Guidelines

- 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
- Ministers will NOT be attending in person— instead they will be utilizing Zoom to visit us virtually, allowing Zoom services to still be available to those not wishing to attend in person.

Save the Date – Memorial Service for Dick Hoffman

Please save Sunday, October 25th, as we will be sharing memories and honoring PMUC lifetime member, Dick Hoffman who passed away in October last year. Susan Daiss will lead the service.

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!



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 August 11, 2020.

- The amount of donations was low for the month with less services taking place. The endowment, however, did very well.
- We need ideas for two Friday Evening services, 10/16 and 11/13.
- The date of Dick Hoffman’s memorial service was determined.
- The final plans for the picnic were discussed.
- Agenda items for the board mini-retreat were finalized.
- Technology needs were discussed. We will need a laptop dedicated for the flat screen. A mic and video camera will also be needed. Jessica is willing to use her laptop in September while we see how things work with having both in person and Zoom services.

Meditation with Bill Vosteen occurs every Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. On the 2nd Thursday of each month, meditation is held via Zoom and at PMUC in person. If you would like to receive emails with Zoom information, please contact Chris Loss at closs1626@gmail.com.



Pullman Plaudits

- The Annual Church Picnic and Service was held on August 16th with Darrell Dyke, and was well attended! Many thanks to Darrell for the excellent job he did in the pulpit, and to Sylvia Goodstine for providing the great food. Rich Della Costa was back working his magic on the piano. C.W. Lattin provided a beautiful floral arrangement. It was a real treat for all of us to be together again...socially distanced with masks, of course!
- The Meditation group with Bill Vosteen weekly on Zoom has been doing well! And the second Thursday of every month, starting July 9th, has been live at the church and on Zoom! If you wish to participate, please send a note to Chris Loss.
- Many thanks to Joyce Riley, Chris Loss, Alan Nugent, Diana Dudley, Eileen Della Costa, Tracy Billings, Jessica George, and Monica Beck who stepped forward to help one of our families with meals. There is so much love in this community!!!
- Jessica George, Alan Nugent, Chris Loss, and Don Olsowski met at the church at the end of July to try to figure out the technology to have Zoom services at the church, and while it will be a work in progress, a lot was accomplished.
- Jessica George and Darrell Dyke took charge of the summer services on Zoom and did a wonderful job! The visuals and special music were extra special!!
- The Mini Board Retreat on August 22nd on Zoom went very well, and good ideas emerged! Chair Jessica George did a wonderful job hosting the event!
- Many thanks to all who contributed to the GoFundMe for a family in need! \$225 has been raised so far, and \$200 has been delivered! Contributions continued until September, and then the GoFundMe account will be used for donations to the church.
- Jessica George hosted the Friday Evening Service on August 28th, a book discussion on ‘Accidental Saints’ by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It was one of the best discussion groups we’ve ever had! Thanks to all who participated. . . the evening flew by.
- Don Olsowski, Church Sexton, has been at the church all summer cleaning and sanitizing, and mowing lawn, etc. We can’t say it enough, but he is just the best!

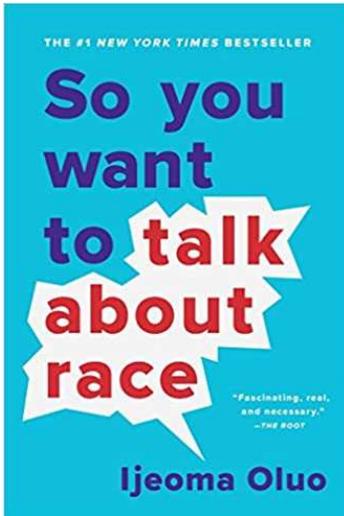
From UU Central East – Help the Disaster Relief Fund Support Congregations

The UUA has created a disaster relief fund for those who want to make a donation to help congregations who have faced losses due to tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires and more. Please donate if you can. To learn more about the work of the Disaster Relief Fund [visit their webpage](https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/disaster-response?vgo_ee=WL9sf4cLhzLKzQclG5z27vIMy%2BOWWuyaZunZiCXh6gI%3D).

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The Next Book Discussion October, Date to be Announced



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.

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