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From the Board Chair

Hello all,

The holiday season is upon us! And what a season it has been already. As we continue to navigate the increasingly difficult nature of our times, it is my hope that we can all come together to appreciate what we have, sit together in spirit and love, and work toward better times ahead. This coming Sunday (11/29), Rev Staubitz will be discussing the theme, “Given this, how shall we live”, which I know will be inspiring and comforting, as Rev Staubitz’s services consistently are.



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In the theme of the differences this holiday season, please recall that our church will be closed throughout December and January. Our regularly scheduled services and holiday services will be held virtually, and the ministers and board are working diligently to bring the same feelings of togetherness and warmth to each of our homes through Zoom. If you are struggling with Zoom, please reach out to me and we can set aside a time to go over it and get you feeling comfortable with the technology. In January, we are taking a break from services as voted on at our annual congregational meeting, with plans to resume in February.

For those following the recent news, I am aware of the recent Supreme Court decision overturning Governor Cuomo’s mandate to close houses of worship. With this in mind, I maintain that the closure of our church is the responsible choice, and I want to assure all of you that it was a choice made out of love and concern for the well-being of our congregation, which I continue to lovingly refer to as our “church family”.

May the holiday season be a blessed one, full of love and warmth and hope. As always, please reach out to me as needed with thoughts, opinions, concerns, Zoom tutorial needs, etc.

In love,
Jessica George



Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM (unless otherwise noted)	
<i>Zoom Services Only * Church Not Open</i>	
December 6	Reverend Libby Moore
December 13	Reverend Lori Staubitz
<i>December 18, Friday Evening, 7:00 pm</i>	Chris Loss
December 20, No Service	No Service on Sunday
<i>December 23, Wednesday Evening, 7:00 pm</i> <i>Annual Candlelight Service</i>	Susan Daiss
December 27	Rich Della Costa (tentative)
<i>Month of January, Winter Break, No Services Until February 7, 2021</i>	

Coming Events (all via Zoom)

Sunday, December 6 – 11:00 am, Reverend Libby Moore

Sunday, December 13 – 11:00 am, Reverend Lori Staubitz, “Embracing the Night”

Tuesday, December 15 – 7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Friday Evening, December 18 – 7:00 pm, Chris Loss, “The Christmas UU’s Created”

Wednesday Evening, December 23 – 7:00 pm, Susan Daiss, *Annual Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 27 – 11:00 am, Rich Della Costa, *Annual Fireside Service*

Eye on the Board

The board met on November 18, 2020.

- Per the treasurer, we had some big bills this month with insurance and the payment to Panek’s. The endowment continues to do well recovering the loss from October within two and a half weeks.
- Work on one of the furnaces was needed, and there was a leak in the Groom’s Room. Building and Grounds has a call out to Country Contracting.
- The main discussion of the meeting dealt with whether or not we should go to all Zoom services again. With the numbers increasing in many counties, including where are speakers reside, it was decided that closing the building and going to all virtual services was the safest thing to do.
- Donations for Community Action will be accepted until December 1st. The donations will then shift to the Qadour family until the end of year. Members and friends will need to specify in the comment section of Paypal, check, etc., if they chose to donate.



PMUC Emails

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GIVING

Please don't forget to support the PMUC Community.

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

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*

Community Action and the Qadour Family



We are still accepting monetary donations for Community Action. Until December 1st, you can donate to the GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/pullman-memorial-church>) or through Paypal or mailing a check. Please specify in the comments section if using Paypal or check.

As of December 2nd until the end of the year, monetary donations will be accepted for the Qadour family.

Thank you for your support!



Anti-Oppression Group

The Anti-Oppression Group will continue to meet via Zoom. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 pm. The link for Zoom will be sent out via email closer to the date. If questions, please contact Jessica George at jessicaamgeorge@yahoo.com.

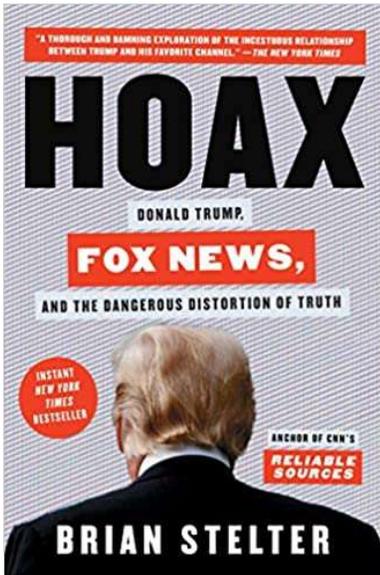
Meditation

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.

Book for next Discussion (February)

The next book to be discussed will be *Hoax: Donald Trump, Fox News, and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth* by Brian Stelter.

“In *Hoax*, CNN anchor and chief media correspondent Brian Stelter tells the twisted story of the relationship between Donald Trump and Fox News. From the moment Trump glided down the golden escalator to announce his candidacy in the 2016 presidential election to his acquittal on two articles of impeachment in early 2020, Fox hosts spread his lies and smeared his enemies. Over the course of two years, Stelter spoke with over 250 current and former Fox insiders in an effort to understand the inner workings of Rupert Murdoch's multibillion-dollar media empire. Some of the confessions are alarming. “We don't really believe all this stuff, a producer says. ‘We just tell other people to believe it.’



Including never before reported details, *Hoax* exposes the media personalities who, though morally bankrupt, profit outrageously by promoting the President’s propaganda and radicalizing the American right. It is a book for anyone who reads the news and wonders: How did this happen? (Retrieved 11/28/20, Amazon)

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



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!

With the pandemic, we may be even more isolated than usual. Please don't forget, you can contact your PMUC friends and members. Check with a board member if you cannot find contact information.

Pullman Plaudits

- Many thanks to Jessica George for hosting an Anti-Oppression group on November 1st at the church and on Zoom. Bob Golden from the Catholic Social Justice Committee was there with a few of his members and there were several there from the church. This is intended to be an on-going group and the next date is December 8th. Our collaboration with those in the community who believe in justice, equity, and fairness is a welcome addition to our church experience. As discussions continue, more insights are being realized. Please join us!
- On November 1st while the Anti-Oppression group was meeting, a man walked into the church in need of food and a place to stay. We are so blessed to have Jessica George with us, as she knew who to call to obtain help!!
- Reverend Susan Frawley hosted a robust and well attended discussion on the book, ‘White Fragility’ by Robin D’Angelo at the Friday Evening Service on November 13th.
- The Board of Trustees met on November 18th and had to make the difficult decision to hold Zoom only services over the holidays. They certainly did not want to have to do this, but it was necessary considering the recent uptick in COVID cases in the area. But look for some wonderful Zoom services over the holidays!!



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