

June 18, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

Worship Service 10:00 am on
Zoom

June 20, 2021

A Love too Big to Fit

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

Well, this is my last sermon with you. At this time, I don't know whether we will be live or on tape, but I hope you will receive it, as the blessing I intend for you, your future paths, and mine.

June 27, 2021

General Assembly Sunday Worship Service

Join us as we share in the Sunday service from the **2021 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly**, presented by the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis and shared with Unitarian Universalists around the country and the globe. More information and a link will be sent closer to the date of the service. We're so grateful for the work of our Worship Production Team and delighted to give them the week off!

WORSHIP SERVICES MOVE TO ZOOM

The Sunday Worship Services will be available on Zoom going forward. You can use this same link every Sunday

Why?

- Facebook has stopped our services several times and there is no way to prevent it. The algorithm scans for any content that is copyrighted and halts the stream, even though we have licensed the material. This is an issue for churches everywhere.

- We get to see each other! In particular, Reverend Barbara would love to see our faces for her final sermons.

Public versus Private

- We are open and welcoming, and invite the public to attend our Worship Services. You may share the Sunday Worship link with anyone, and we will post it on Facebook and our website.
- While we encourage you to turn on your camera, you may turn it off if you are uncomfortable.
- Note, the Sunday Together coffee hour is a separate Zoom link and will remain private.

Zoom (live)

- We have greatly restricted the controls for the public Worship Service.
- You will not be able to unmute or share your screen during the service.
- You will be able to chat and post emojis, similar to Facebook Live.

Facebook (for viewing later)

- We will post the Worship Service on Facebook around noon. If Facebook shuts it down, getting it restored can take up to a week.

A Celebration of Our Time with Rev. Barbara and Jonathan



Saturday, June 19 at 9 am
Join us in person and
Please arrive promptly

Please read on as there has been a change in plans.

Let us share a morning with Rev. Barbara who has inspired us at the intersections of strength and gentleness, leadership and democracy, passion and calm, wisdom and humility, direction and love, and so much more!

Bring a dish of goodies to share - such as fruit, crackers, cheese, or baked goods. Drop your food offering at the table just inside the front door. There will be someone there to receive it. Remember that coffee, tea, and juices will be provided.

We will all gather outside for the opening words. After we are all assembled **we will move indoors for socializing and sharing food.**

We request that attendees be fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination and the wearing of masks are not required.

Questions? Contact Peter Mathews

Rev. B's Huge Final Worship Service

Worship, music and production pulled out all the stops for Rev B's final service – watch for the Order of Service for the details. Expect to laugh and cry in joyous worship and celebration with our beloved minister. This big, final extravaganza will run about 90 minutes! Grab your popcorn and tissues!



AV PROGRESS!

The goods are arriving! We now have a basic system and in fact most of this Sunday's special service was filmed on our new setup. We think you will love the quality. So far we just have the bare-bones for filming up and running – really just enough to pull off Rev B's final service. The next steps are to add another camera, tune up the audio, more integration, replace borrowed gear as missing items become available, automate it for volunteers, and then add the big screen TVs. It is coming together!

For now we just set up a temporary production booth in the back of the sanctuary with cables heading out over the floor. Once more is operational, this will let the volunteers get familiar with the equipment and see if they prefer to work from a booth or just from tablets so we can plan how to remodel the audio booth and see if we need to convert the cry room to a production room. For now it is quite a jumble!

LET'S PAY-OFF THE MORTGAGE



On May 18, 2021, the Board of Directors authorized the Finance Committee to organize a capital campaign to raise funds to pay off the existing mortgage on our building. We would like to enlist your help and generosity to raise at least \$75,000 to be applied to the mortgage by

May 2022. A generous couple in the congregation has already pledged \$10,000 towards this effort to be matched by other individuals who can give any amount. If you would like to be part of this exciting project, please contact [Chris Eager](#) or [Sarita Gonzales](#). Just click on our name and you can send us an email.

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, June 20 @ 10:00am

Sunday Together: Sunday, June 20 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Common Read Discussion: Tuesday, June 22 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

Rev. Barbara Celebration: Saturday, June 19 @ 9:00 at the Church

Worship Committee: Tuesday, June 22 @ 4:30 – 6:30pm

Afternoon Book Club: Friday, June 25 @ 1:30 – 2:30pm

Staying Connected

Sunday Together: Sunday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Loving Kindness Meditation: Thursday @ 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Coffee & Conversation: Friday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Social BUUterflies Happy Hour: Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections June 13, 2021: \$500.25

\$250.12 will go to our May Share-the-Plate recipient, Palm Springs Animal Shelter

CARE TEAM NEWS

Friends...

PLEASE if you are willing to support the Care Team by supplying meals, driving to appointments, writing notes or calling those "under the weather" please send me a note. We are into staffing for 2021-22 and we need you.

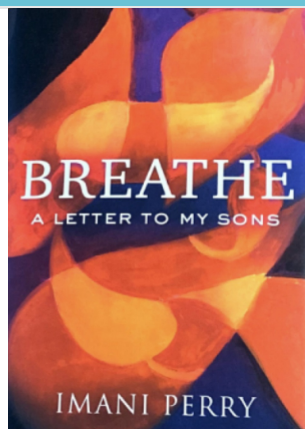
Also.... offering support to members and friends feels good. You never know when you might be the one in need. My contact info is in the directory.

Bryna Blum

SUMMER ZOOM SCHEDULING NOTICE

Between July 7 and August 7, 2021 to schedule a zoom time on the Administrator account, please send an email to Jane Zaun, contact information is in the Directory.

LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



Join us in June as we participate in the UUA Common Read

Book Discussion of Breathe: A Letter to My Sons
June 22 @ 10:00 am
Discussion Leader: Fran Hoag

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE UUA VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage is the theme for General Assembly 2021.

GA is a time to circle 'round in community. We circle 'round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage.

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest each year since 1961 to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer. **This year the Ware Lecturer will be Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade.**

Read about the Ware Lecture:

Ware Lecture | General Assembly | UUA.org

It's here! The 2021 **GA Program Book (PDF)** is now available for viewing and download. Sit back with your beverage of choice and peruse over 100 pages of program listings, messages from our advertisers, and helpful information about GA. Learn all that's in store for 2021 and start a list of "can't miss" events.

Registration is \$200 per person. **Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available.** General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive, and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) GA mobile app.

Go to Upcoming Events on the website to register!

UPDATED INDOOR PHASE 1 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR SMALL GROUPS

Much of the detailed CDC, OSHA and UUA guidance is dependent upon whether entry to the building is restricted to vaccinated people and the quality of the ventilation system.

- Two weeks ago, the UUA published metrics for evaluating building safety. Our building ventilation rates as EXCELLENT! That is great news.
- Of 71 people who responded to our survey, 70 were fully vaccinated and one was in process. More great news - this allows us to require vaccinations with minimal exclusion.

We are allowed simple, straightforward protocols. The Board revised the Indoor Phase 1 Protocols for small groups. The full protocols are posted at UUCOD.org; here's a synopsis:

1. Everyone entering the building must be fully vaccinated. *The requirement for proof has been dropped.*
2. Each group should designate a Safety Coordinator and maintain contact tracing information.

3. If anyone in the group requests, then all attendees will wear masks. The Group Leader should discuss the wearing of masks before an event to allow anonymity and establish comfort for everyone.

Further:

- No specific limitations are made regarding food or restroom use.
- For singing, we advise but do not require 3 feet spacing between family groups (per UUA Guidance). *The previous rules regarding ventilation for singing have been dropped.*

Be Safe and Well!

Newsletter Deadlines: The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning. If you are going to be late, call or email the Administrator at admin@uucod.org asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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