

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our UU Principle #1 *The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*

Chalice Lighting As we light this Chalice, may it serve to give us clarity of purpose and guide us as we set about doing the work of this congregation, in commitment, in cooperation, and in love.

Opening Song #102 *We the Heirs of Many Ages*

Land Acknowledgement

Reading #593 *Liberation Is Costly*

Joys and Sorrows You may light a votive candle as you share any joys or concerns with the Fellowship.

Silence / Response *Your Joy Is My Joy*

...Ellen Rockne



Your joy is my joy, your sor-row my sor-row. To-
geth-er we live our days. To- geth-er we love this place. In be-
lov-ed com-mu-ni-ty, we are not a-lone.

Offering / Response #128 For all that is our life, we sing our thanks and praise. For all life is a gift that we are called to use to build the common good, and make our own days glad. ...Findlow / Rickey

Reading Quotes about Racial Inequality

What is Juneteenth? Article written by Professor Guy Nave, Luther College Religion Department

Closing Song #149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Extinguishing the Chalice Take courage, friends. The way is often hard, the path is never clear, and the stakes are very high. Take courage. For deep down, there is another truth: you are not alone. ...Arneson



Announcements

Thank you to Guy Nave, professor of religion, who has been part of the Religion Department faculty at Luther College since 2001, focusing on the topics of Christianity, biblical studies, religion and social justice, the social construction of religious meaning, and race-religion-and-politics. Professor Nave is currently researching the power, politics and meaning behind the rhetoric of "change," and the role of Christianity in bringing about social "change." In addition to writing for Luther College's *Ideas and Creations* blog, Nave is the founder of the online social media platform Clamoring for Change and is a guest contributor to a number of online sites, e.g. Sojourners Commentary blog series. ❖ Thank you also to Lyra McKnight, service leader; to Carolyn Corbin, discussion facilitator; and to Karen Esterl, service support.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for May-June is the [Humane Society of Northeast Iowa](#). To donate to the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below. Or, if sending a check, please note "Share the Plate" in the memo line. Donations may be mailed to Decorah UU, PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101. You can also donate to Share-the-Plate here: [PayPal - Decorah UU](#).

A note from Julie Fischer - "Jim McIntosh is in skilled care at Wellington Place, Rm 613, recovering from open heart surgery. Pat is in Memory Care. All these changes came on very suddenly, so emotional support means everything. Both really appreciate visits from UU friends. Julie Fischer is happy to take anyone out for the first time to show them how to navigate the facility. Annastacia Cowles has been helping as well."

Sunday, June 26 - No local service. Instead, we encourage everyone to join the [Sunday Morning Worship at General Assembly](#), the largest annual UU worship experience, streaming [online](#) at 11:30 a.m. Central Time. Please consider getting together with other UU members & friends for this service. The Rev. Gretchen Haley, Senior Minister of the Foothills Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Collins, CO, offers this description and invitation: "The last few years have not been easy, including in our local congregations. Whole swaths of members have simply stopped coming; COVID is confusing, and polarizing; many ministers have joined the great resignation; and Pew studies and friends alike have pronounced the end of the local church. In this moment, when so many of us might be wondering if we should just give up, and relent, now's the time instead to double down on our commitment to the local church – this unique community that saves us and also breaks our hearts – often much more of the latter than we'd like to admit. In the midst of our culture of death, the church is a place of life. Or it is, as long as we are willing to bring our own lives to it. Join us for a morning of celebration, witness, and future-visioning for the already and not yet power of the local Unitarian Universalist church." Keep in mind, too, that there are other worship services earlier in the week you can also join virtually! Visit the [UUA website](#) for more information.

Sunday, July 3 - Mara Rockliff's book, *Gingerbread for Liberty! How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution*, details how Christopher Ludwick, a German-born American patriot, helped George Washington and his hungry troops, not with muskets or cannons, but with gingerbread! Join us as Decorah UU member and former educator Anne Glenn-White shares this book with us during July 4th weekend. Nancy Barry, service leader. Karen Esterl, service support.

Loving Day Celebration on Juneteenth - *Collective Action for Racial Equity* (CARE) invites you to celebrate Loving Day at Phelps Park, Sunday, June 19 (today!), at 4:00, at shelter #4 with snacks and yard games. You are welcome to bring a favorite snack to share or bring a yard game if you have one. Juneteenth will be acknowledged during a short presentation.

Summer Solstice - Let's get together for a FUUN Summer Solstice gathering! **When:** Tuesday, July 21st, 8:00 p.m. **Where:** The Community Prairie, 4 Ohio Street, Decorah (over-the-dike from Aase Haugen), at The Big Stones, adjacent to the Butterfly Garden. **What:** We'll gather at 8:00 p.m. to share fellowship, words and music to celebrate the longest day of the year. **Consider bringing:** folding chair, blanket (or a pad for a Big Stone), flashlight, insect repellent and a beverage of your choice. Snacks will be provided.

Decorah UU Greeters - As we inch back into normalcy for our in-person gatherings, we would like to have a greeter at each service. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please complete the [Greeter Sign-Up form](#). Greeter duties are detailed in this document: [Decorah UU Greeters](#). If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wahlberg or Julie Ohde. Thank you!

Decorah UU Covenant Renewal - Another sign of spring...it is Covenant Renewal time at Decorah UU! Please fill out the Covenant Renewal form indicating the ways you wish to support our fellowship in the coming year. If possible, please use the online [Google Form](#) link for simplicity. A paper form is also available if necessary.

Immigration Working Group - The Guatemalan Basics initiative delivers 50 pound bags of rice and 25 pounds of beans and corn flour tortilla mix to our immigrant families in need. The funding for this program is currently running low. You can help to keep this vital effort going by giving online with credit/debit card through Decorah UCC's website, selecting "Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Guatemalan Basics Fund" from the dropdown menu of funds. To send a check, write it payable to Decorah UCC with "Guatemalan Basics" in the memo line, and send it to Decorah UCC, PO Box 470, Decorah, IA 52101.

