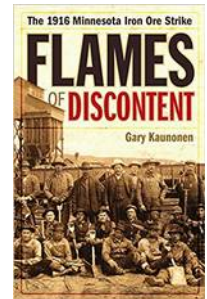


Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:15 to 11:30 am)

May 5 – Flames of Discontent – The Iron Range Strike of 1916 – Gary Kaunonen

Gary Kaunonen, PhD, is an independent historian of labor and immigration and documentary filmmaker living on Minnesota's Iron Range. He is the author of four books, including his most recent, *Flames of Discontent*, which won the Hognander Prize of the Minnesota Book Awards, and *Community in Conflict and Challenge Accepted*, which both won Michigan Historical Society Book Awards. Currently, he works as an Exhibit Designer, Researcher, and Writer at the Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm, and as the Government Channel Programmer for Hibbing Public Access Television.



The program will be on his book *Flames of Discontent, Iron Range Strike of 1916*.



May 12 – Vera Ming Wong: Delving into Nature

Vera Ming Wong draws life from nature. Her drawings, watercolors, and cut paper creations, featuring native plants, animals, habitats, and ecosystems, reflect her interests, background and education in biology and art. Vera's illustrations appear in numerous books and magazines, including Minnesota's *Endangered Flora & Fauna*; *Northwoods Wildlife: A Watcher's Guide to Habitats*; *Native Orchids of Minnesota*; *North Shore: Minnesota's Superior Coast*; and the Minnesota DNR's *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer Magazine*.

In this presentation, Vera will share a diverse selection of her visual artwork to demonstrate her process, from study and sketching animals (alive or sometimes dead), plants, fungi, and their habitats, to choices of media and techniques that incorporate practical as well as aesthetic parameters.

May 19 – Data Visualization as an Ethical Act – John Zobitz

Data visualization (the use of bar graphs, pie charts, scatterplots, flowcharts, and the like) is not a new concept, but in today's data-rich world we rely on visualization to make meaningful connections in the quest for a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. How do we discern the intent and intentionality of a data visualization? During this talk I will showcase ethical visualizations spanning from the 19th century to today and beyond.

John is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Augsburg University, where he has been for the past 12 years. He has enjoyed being a member of Pilgrim House the past three years and how welcoming everyone is to his family.

May 26 – Memorial Day weekend – no program

June 2 – Flower Communion

Bring a flower from your garden to add to the fellowship bouquet, reflecting the beauty of our diversity and what each of us individually brings to it. Take home a flower from the fellowship representing what the fellowship gives back to each of us. This is a program begun in Czechoslovakia that has been held annually before our summer recess for many years. This is will be a short program followed by the Pilgrim House Annual Meeting.



The Annual Meeting will be held in the our meeting room followed by a taco bar lunch in the fellowship room hosted by the Pilgrim House Board of Directors. Hear a review of last year, plans for next year, and volunteer opportunities, approve a budget, and elect a chair for 2020-2021. See article below.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 2, 7:00pm – Great Decisions at Pilgrim House – Trade with China. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter. See article below.

Sunday, May 5, 11:30am – Soup Sunday – Join us for soup following the program. All are welcome. Bring items for the food shelf donation area and/or sign up for soup, both in the entryway. All are welcome. Contact Fred Green for Foodshelf, Bob Treumann for Soup Sunday.

Tuesday, May 7, 10:00am – Knitting and Craft group is meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Mary Ryan.

Monday, May 13, 7:00pm – Pilgrim House Board meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Gardner.

Wednesday, May 15, 2:00pm – The Pilgrim House social action Coterie group meets at Pilgrim House. Our agreed topic is the national debt. All are welcome. Contact David Conradi-Jones.

Saturday, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, 7:00pm – Game Night at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Curt Corum.

Wednesday, May 22, 1:30pm – Novel Exchange book club meets at the Shoreview library. The book is *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty. Contact Sharon Borg.

Thursday, May 23, 4:00pm – Book Club meets at Dee Buth's. The book is *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

Sunday, June 2, after the program – Annual Meeting at Pilgrim House. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Gardner. See article at right.

June 19-23 – UUA General Assembly meets in Spokane, WA. Contact Mel or Kathy Aanerud.

Wednesday, June 26, 1:30pm – Novel Exchange book club meets at the Shoreview library. The book is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Contact Sharon Borg.

Wednesday, July 24, 1:30pm – Novel Exchange book club meets at the Shoreview library. The book is *Dead Wake* by Eric Larson. Contact Sharon Borg.

Thursday, July 25, 4:00pm – Book Club annual summer potluck at LeBlanc's. Our book is *Marcel's Letters* by Carolyn Porter. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

Thursday, August 22, 4:00pm – Book Club meets at Susan Setter's. The book is *Temptation to Be Happy* by Lorenzo Marone. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

Wednesday, August 28, 1:30pm – Novel Exchange book club meets at the Shoreview library. The book is

Pilgrim House

We seek to carry out the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of churches and fellowships, with which we are affiliated. These principles affirm the worth of everyone, freedom and the right of conscience in search of truth, encouragement of one another's spiritual growth, and the wonder and mystery of the web of all life. Membership in Pilgrim House is open to everyone who is in sympathy with our purposes and principles and wants to join.

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Pilgrim's Progress (Pilgrim House Newsletter)

If you have any items for the newsletter, please contact:

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At the Wolf's Table by Rosella Postorino. Contact Sharon Borg.

PILGRIM HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING

June 2 – Save the date and please plan to attend!

June 2nd is our final meeting, with the traditional Flower Communion program. The rest of the summer changes to our monthly programs. The Annual Meeting will immediately follow the somewhat shorter program and is the opportunity to elect officers for the coming year, vote on the Pilgrim House budget, and briefly discuss our goals for the coming year. Lunch will be served following the meeting. Please plan to attend!

Annual Meeting Agenda

Opening Words – Michelle Gardner

Approve Agenda for Annual Meeting – Michelle Gardner

Approve Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting – Michelle Gardner

Chair comments/summary of the year – Michelle Gardner

Treasurer's Report – Susan Setter

Review the Balance Sheet, as of May 31, 2019.

Committee Reports

Outgoing chair, Michelle Gardner, passes the gavel to new co-chairs, John and Shannon Zobitz

Board Membership for Coming Year – John and Shannon Zobitz

Present the slate of officers: Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer

Nominations from the floor

Vote

Present candidates for the Standing Committee chairs (for approval at next board meeting).

Present At Large candidates (for approval at next board meeting)

Call for/Nominations for Delegates to the UU General Assembly Kansas City, MO, Jun 19-23, 2019

Treasurer – 2019-2020 Budget

Review the proposed budget for 2019 – 2020 fiscal year

Motion to approve new budget

Closing Words – John and Shannon Zobitz

SUMMER PROGRAMS

There will only be one program a month in June, July, and August. June is the Flower Communion and Annual Meeting.

July 14 – Reps and Phibs: Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota – Tamarack Nature Center

Turtles, snakes and salamanders...oh my! Enjoy an up-close visit with a few of Tamarack Nature Center's animal ambassadors. Learn about their lives in the wild, as well as how to protect their species and habitats for future generations.

August 11 – Bird Language: Understanding the Language of Nature – Jonathon Poppele

Jonathan Poppele is Director of the Minnesota Wildlife Tracking Project, www.mntracking.org. Birds talk to each other; we can learn to understand it, and it's fun. Birds are the alarm system of the forest, broadcasting the whereabouts of hawks, owls, foxes and more through their calls and postures. Learning bird language allows us to see more wildlife and feel more connected to the natural world. This presentation will give you the fundamental tools for interpreting bird language to enhance your own birding and nature experiences, plus information about local bird language programs and gatherings.

SOCIAL ACTION

Food Shelf – Thank you for your food shelf volunteering and donations. So far this month, donations have totaled \$405 and 15 pounds of food.

Our summer social action activities are:

Pride Parade – June 23, 11am in downtown Minneapolis. March with Pilgrim House and other UUs for LBGT justice. More details will be emailed when they are available.

Walk 1,000 Miles for Our Neighbors – Sunday, July 28, 10am – 2pm, Silver View Park, County Road I & Silver Lake Road, Mounds View. This a fundraiser for the Community Support Center (CSC) which Pilgrim

House supports. No contribution is required (money is provided by walk sponsors – Pilgrim House is a sponsor). You may purchase raffle tickets at the walk. CSC provides assistance to people who need help to stay in their homes. CSC provides small amounts of financial assistance to clients, and volunteers work with the clients to develop a plan to attain financial stability to enable them to continue to have a home.

INTERESTED IN CREATING BLANKETS?

The Congregational Care committee and Needlework and Craft group are working together to create handmade blankets, shawls, lap pads and scarves.

The theme of this group is to Celebrate and Acknowledge Life Transitions.

Working together as a fellowship we will enjoy each others company while making a comforting article that will keep the person who receives it wrapped in peace and warmth. All are welcome to this event which we will hold in May. No knitting or crocheting skills necessary. Come and enjoy and help tie a blanket or sew a lap blanket!

Contact Mary Ryan for more information.

AUCTION RESULTS

We had another successful auction on March 31. The results are

Live auction: \$4970

Fixed price items: \$284 (This number may change.)

Total: \$5154 so far.

RAIN GARDEN STATUS UPDATE

Good news! The Pilgrim House grant application to the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) toward the installation of a rain garden was approved at the RCWD Board of Managers meeting on April 10. We are now working with our chosen contractor, Outdoor Lab Landscape Design Inc, and expect installation to occur sometime in June. Actual timing will depend on weather and previously scheduled project completion. The plan includes 166 native plants which will be a beautiful addition to other work that has been done at Pilgrim House to remove invasive species. The rain garden will be located on the west side of the driveway. It will have a great educational benefit with high visibility, both to members attending Pilgrim House, and to the public who are using the trail or driving by on Highway 96.

Once the rain garden is installed, volunteers to maintain the area will be needed. If this is something you are interested in, let us know.

Les Rogers, Outdoor Planting Coordinator

Sharon Borg, grounds volunteer

GREAT DECISIONS

May 2 – Trade with China

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America's true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China's. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China. What other tools can the United States employ to counter China's unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

Speaker Professor Duncan McCampbell is an American lawyer and professor of international business and law at Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis, where he also serves as MBA Program Director. He spent 14 years-much of it abroad-with the Westlaw division of Thomson Reuters, starting new online businesses in the UK, Germany and China. He has a professional background in international business, non-US legal systems, and corruption prevention. Every year he teaches law and business in Chinese universities and travels extensively in Asia. He has served as Co-Chair of the Minnesota China Business Council, Minnesota's oldest China business organization. He writes on global commercial, legal, political and security issues. In addition to his writing and teaching, Prof. McCampbell leads a business consultancy that helps companies enter new markets overseas.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME HERE!

We enjoy the friends and visitors who join us for Sunday programs.

If you're ready to consider going the next step of becoming a member of Pilgrim House, we would enjoy talking with you.

Membership in Pilgrim House Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is open to all who would like to support and share in the life and programs of Pilgrim House. If you haven't yet been offered a Membership Card, or have a card and want some additional information, let us know.

Also, if you haven't yet attended an *Orientation/Introduction to Pilgrim House*, we'd be happy to schedule one for you

Please feel free to call on us.

Kathy and Mel Aanerud, Membership Committee

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Spokane, Washington –
June 19-23, 2019

**Early bird registration rate
ends April 30**



General Assembly is the annual gathering of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Meet hundreds of attendees from UU congregations across our nation and international locations.

Workshops; keynote speakers; music; exhibit hall with books and more!

Pilgrim House has two voting delegates and will reimburse the delegates' registration fee. Delegates pay their own lodging, meals and travel. Any number can attend this event as participants.

Delegates attend business meetings to set policy and action/study priorities for the UUA.

Blocks of hotel rooms available for reservation at group rates until May 13.

More info at <https://www.uua.org/ga>

Let Board Chair Michelle Gardner know if you're interested in attending.

TAKING HEART OPEN HOUSES - 2019

Taking Heart Open Houses is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning. In 2018 Taking Heart saw more than 1100 non-Muslims attend Open House Iftar dinners along with their Muslim neighbors.

Please use <http://bit.ly/TakingHeartRegister> to learn more about Taking Heart. Registration is now open so you can sign up for one or more events. Currently there are 15 Iftars from which to choose; as more mosques sign up to host their gatherings will be added to the registration page.

Bring a friend and learn more about your Muslim neighbors as they are learning about you! These events are free and open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert at revcbs11@gmail.com.