

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

All programs are via Zoom. The Zoom link for these programs will be sent to Pilgrim House members. If you do not receive a link, but would like to participate, please contact pilgrimhouse@pilgrimhouseuua.org.

March 7 – What Happened in the Election and its Aftermath

Professor David Schultz of Hamline and Saint Thomas Universities in Saint Paul is a regular national commentator and a presenter at Pilgrim House.



March 14 – What Happened to the News?

Daniel Hallin is a Professor at the University of California San Diego/La Jolla. Hallin's research concerns journalism, political communication, and the comparative analysis of media systems.

March 21 – Turnout – Making Minnesota the State That Votes

StarTribune columnist and author Lori Sturdevant will talk about her new book *Turnout* with Joan Growe. The book is the story of Joan's time as Secretary of State and why Minnesota has such a good voting record.



March 28 – More Than Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Accordion

Dan "Daddy Squeeze" Newton has been dazzling audiences with his creative accordion style for over 40 years. His fresh approach to the much-maligned squeezebox and his mind-boggling repertoire of both original and traditional material will change the mind of the most hardened accordion skeptic. Daddy Squeeze entertains and also enlightens his audiences with stories and colorful anecdotes about the accordion and his experiences making a living playing the instrument he loves. Dan has produced more than 25 albums for himself and has appeared on recordings by other artists such as Garrison Keillor, Son Volt, The Proclaimers, Peter Ostroushko, Prudence Johnson and Pat Donohue. See http://www.daddysqueeze.com/pdf/Solo_Concert_Description.pdf.

April 4 – Spring Celebration

See article below.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 4, 7:00pm – Great Decisions – Brexit – Taking stock and looking ahead via Zoom. All are welcome. Contact Al Potter. See article below.

Monday, March 8, 7:00pm – Pilgrim House board meeting via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Contact Adam Aanerud.

Monday, March 15, 2:00pm – A covenant group meets via Zoom. Contact Nancy Olson.

Tuesday, March 16, 2:00pm – Congregational Care meets via Zoom. Contact Nancy Olson.

Wednesday, March 17, 2:00pm – Pilgrim House Coffee Hour via Zoom. All are welcome. Contact Nancy Olson. See article below.

Sunday, March 21 – Newsletter information is due. Contact Fred Green.

Wednesday, March 24, 1:30pm – Novel Exchange Book Club meets via Zoom. The book is *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich. Contact Sharon Borg.

Thursday, March 25, 4:00pm – Book Club meets via Zoom. The book is *For Love of a River: The Minnesota* by Darby Nelson. Contact Cynthia LeBlanc.

Monday, March 29 – CookieCart orders are due for Delivery on April 2. Contact Nancy Olson.


SPRING CELEBRATION – IT'S YOUR PROGRAM ON APRIL 4TH

Following on our very successful virtual December Holiday Program, we've decided to similarly arrange a special Virtual Spring Celebration Program. We're hoping to include most of the elements of our past traditional Spring Celebrations, absent of course our banquet in the Fellowship hall after the program. We'll be assembling a small virtual chorus for the occasion, and are separately requesting chorale singers who have or could borrow access to an iPhone to join in the music collaboration fun (the collaboration software we'll be using unfortunately will not work with Androids). Similarly, if anyone has special music or a reading they'd like to share, please contact either Mel Aanerud or Bill Rohde by March 28th. Your presentations could either be live that Sunday morning or pre-recorded using your SmartPhone with the audio recording sent to Bill for inclusion in the program.

Let the fun begin! Don't miss it. We're looking forward to your participation. See you there!

COFFEE HOUR

Mark your calendar and wear your green to join us for our monthly mid-week Congregational Care Coffee Hour.

When-St Patrick's Day (March 17th) at 2 pm 

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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Board Chair: Adam Aanerud

Pilgrim's Progress (Pilgrim House Newsletter)

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

Fred Green

newslettereditor@pilgrimhouseuua.org


Who- PH friends and members

Where- Nancy Olson's zoom

Why-share stories about your kids, grandkids, good or bad movies, hobbies, or whatever you want to share! Pets are invited.

Zoom invitations to follow!

YUMMY COOKIES FOR SPRING

CookieCart orders are due March 29  for Delivery on April 2. Contact Nancy Olson if you want to support this non-profit organization that provides jobs and learning experiences for disadvantaged teens. Check out Cookiecart.com for cookie selections and prices.

SOCIAL ACTION

Minnesota FoodShare Month

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month. The campaign this year runs from March 1 to April 11. The pandemic continues to put stress on our food shelves. Remember to donate.

Social Action Meeting

At the last Pilgrim House board meeting, we had a discussion about identifying a new social action project where people could be involved in an ongoing basis. The thinking is that this might appeal to new potential members. Please think about this and bring your ideas to a Zoom meeting to be scheduled soon.

Donate Unneeded COVID-19 Relief

Many of us have recently received \$600/person from the second round of COVID-19 relief. If you are able,

consider donating some or all of your relief money to help those less fortunate.

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PILGRIM HOUSE PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Zoom Team has recorded the program part of the last 2 PH programs (Freedom for Mother's Day by Kayla Parker and Inclusive Democracy by Dr. Sylvester Johnson) and they are now available for PH members for viewing in the member area of the PH website. These programs are fantastic and can be viewed again or in part as you like. In addition, the Chat, and Transcript are captured and available. To access this great information:

1. Sign in to the member area of the PH website. (If you need the password, call Wayne LeBlanc or Fred Green.)
2. In the website, go to the Program Recordings page and find the program of interest in the program listing, and click the link to the video.
<https://www.pilgrimhouseuua.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Program.Recordings>

3. Along with the link to the video, also find links to the Chat (which often contains further reference links) and the Transcript (this text is not proof read and likely contains errors, but is a very good capture of the words spoken)

If anyone has any feedback, contact Wayne LeBlanc.

Many thanks to all those making these incredible programs possible! It's an amazing thing to see!!!

Wayne LeBlanc

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We invite anyone interested in joining our discussions in our Congregational Care Meetings. Our next meeting is February 16 at 2:00pm via Zoom. Contact Nancy Olson (651-633-7360) to receive Zoom info.

GREAT DECISIONS AT PILGRIM HOUSE

March 4 – Brexit – Taking stock and looking ahead via Zoom

With the “Brexit transition period” ending this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

Our speaker will be Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson.

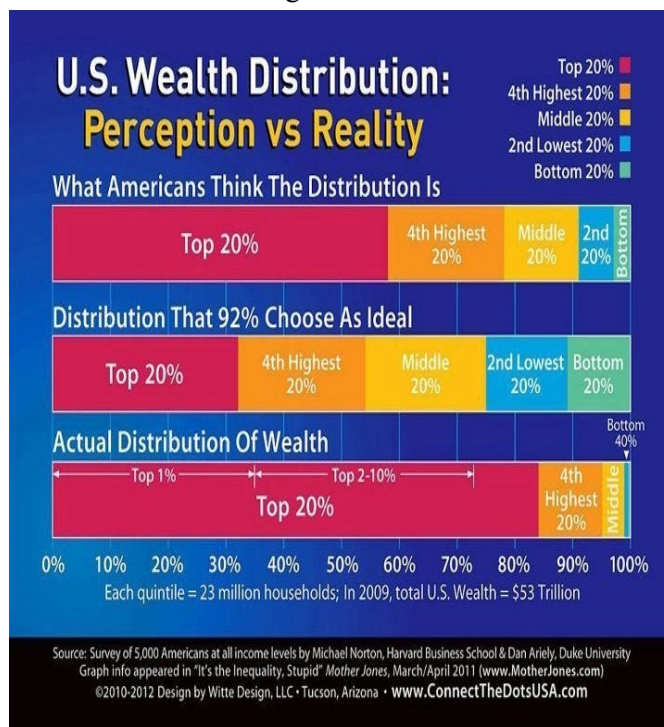
As principal of Deep Brook, Christa is providing international communication and consulting services to U.S. companies doing business in Germany and German companies doing business in the United States.

A native of Germany, Christa is a founding member of the German American Chamber of Commerce Midwest, Minnesota Chapter, and served as the Chamber's president from 2000 to 2004, as vice president from 2010 to 2016. From March 2010 until May 2016, Christa held the post of honorary consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Minneapolis, with a consular district that encompassed Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Western Wisconsin.

In September 2018, Christa was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for her contributions to enhancing Germany's standing abroad and its relations with the United States in economic, cultural, political and social matters.

FROM THE PROGRAM CREATING A FUTURE FOR AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY

Doctor Sylvester Johnson is the founding Director of the Center for Humanities and professor of religion and culture at Virginia Tech. His program on February 21st was the most requested from UUA General Assembly. This presentation examines structural disparities caused by race, wealth and technology. What do we need to do to transform ourselves to chart a bold future in an inclusive democracy? Here is a chart from the Harvard Business School that shows the wealth distribution in the United States. What we think it is, what it really is and what we think it ought to be.



He also spoke about the EU data trust plan. He sent this contact for more information on it.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/08/11/1006555/eu-data-trust-trusts-project-privacy-policy-opinion/>

UPDATE ON OUR SOLAR POWER

You might be interested in our building's solar power generation, September 2020 to February 2021:

Energy used	1.82MWh	\$236.22
Energy generated	2.18 Mwh	\$282.81
Net sold	358KWh	\$46.59

Net sold is the energy we supplied the grid, over and above our consumption. We also received a rebate check from XCEL.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Save the date --June 23-27

Attend virtually from the comfort of your home

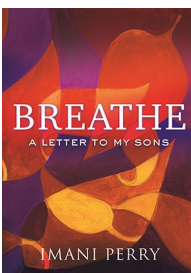
Gather with Unitarian Universalists from across the country. A wide array of workshops, music, keynote speakers, discussion and sessions to act on business decisions affecting our association. More info here:

www.uua.org/ga

Open to all! The virtual arrangements make attending more affordable without travel and lodging expenses. Pilgrim House reimburses the registration fee for our two voting delegates.

THE COMMON READ FROM THE UUA BREATHE; A LETTER TO MY SONS

Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Association chooses a book title to help build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.



In this year's selection, *Breathe: A Letter to my Sons*, author Imani Perry issues a challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find inspiration in Black tradition.

Watch for more information about a future Zoom group discussion at Pilgrim House. In the meantime, the book is available at the local county library systems and also

from Beacon Press. Copies of the book will also be ordered to be available for pick-up at Pilgrim House.

HOPE GALA -- A VIRTUAL EVENT IN SUPPORT OF ALEXANDRA HOUSE



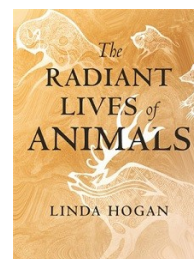
No dress-up clothes needed! The virtual Hope Gala raises necessary funds to allow Alexandra House to continue to provide support and services to those victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence who need safety, advocacy, and support.

Games, Silent and Live Auction, Event Program. More info and registration here:

<https://alexandrahouse.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/HopeGala2021>

Pilgrim House supports Alexandra House as one of our community projects. However, with the pandemic, we've not been engaged in our usual activities and fundraisers with them. Check out this opportunity to support the ongoing funding needs of Alexandra House.

FOR YOUR READING LIST-- THE RADIANT LIVES OF ANIMALS



Author Linda Hogan will present our Sunday program on May 9 discussing her book *The Radiant Lives of Animals*. From a celebrated Chickasaw

writer, the book is a spiritual meditation, in prose and poetry, on our relationship to the animal world

Concerned that human lives and the natural world are too often defined by people who are separated from the land and its inhabitants, Indigenous writer and environmentalist Linda Hogan depicts her own intense relationships with animals as an example we all can follow to heal our souls and reconnect with the spirit of the world, from her modest forest home in Colorado.

The book is available from Beacon Press, and it's also currently stocked by Ramsey and Hennepin County libraries..

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 and sharing a short orientation/introduction with a Power Point chat.

Kathy & Mel Aanerud

Membership Committee

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