

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Otter Dreaming, Fellowship Coordinator

Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song *Blue Boat Home*

...Peter Mayer/video created by Scott McNeill

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. ...Viola Abbitt

Land Acknowledgement

Joys and Sorrows Please raise your Zoom hand to share any personal joy or concern with the Fellowship.

Silent Meditation / Sung Response Your joy is my joy; your sorrow, my sorrow. Together we live our days, together we love this place. In beloved community, we are not alone. ...Ellen Rockne

Offering / Offertory 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. ...Bruce Findlow/Patrick Rickey

Decorah UU Annual Meeting

1. (Brief Service, with Beth Wahlberg & Julie Ohde)
2. Call to Order, Matthew Alexander, Board Chair
3. Approval of 2020 Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Review and approval of committee reports
 - Board of Trustees Chair
 - Sunday Services Committee
 - Membership
 - OWL Program
6. Financial report & FY 2021-22 budget approval, Beth Wahlberg, Treasurer
7. Election Items
 - 7.1 Board member Election (vote for three)
 - Maggie Hayden (3 year term)
 - Lyra McKnight (3 year term)
 - Beth Wahlberg (1 year extension of term)
 - 7.2 Members of Nominating Committee (vote for two)
 - Lalie Madriguera
 - Janet Snider
8. Discussion - Sunday Services in coming months
9. Adjourn



Extinguishing the Chalice It is our work, shared with each other in covenant that creates and sustains this beloved community. We extinguish this chalice, but its light lives on in the directions we have chosen today. The light of this faith lives on in us, together, in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits.



Announcements

Thank you to Beth Wahlberg and Julie Ohde for leading our short service today, and to the Decorah UU Board of Trustees for leading our Fellowship throughout the year: Matthew Alexander, Beth Wahlberg, Maggie Hayden, Julie Ohde and Lynn Pleggenkuhle. □ After the service, please treat yourself to a little something fabulous, and we'll be in virtual touch again soon. Take care!

Share-the-Plate – Our plate recipient for March-April is [ArtHaus](#) for the development of a Dye Garden featuring a brick path engraved with names of supporters. 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.

Upcoming

May 2 – No service.

Send us your photos! – Would you please send us a photo of yourself and/or your clan? You can take a selfie, or have a friend in your bubble photograph you doing something interesting, or send an older photo. We want to share your photos in upcoming services. You can send photos directly to carolyn@corbingroup.biz.

Invite a friend to UU Services – It's easier now than ever to attend a Decorah UU service because we are on Zoom! Friends and family can join you on zoom with their video off and watch the services like television. Guests can also join services through chat and video if they wish! We meet every other Sunday. To receive our weekly electronic newsletter as well as invitations to services, sign up via our website, decorahuu.org, clicking on the **Contact Us** link. If someone does not want to sign up for email but does want to attend a live service, they can do so directly from our website, decorahuu.org, clicking on **Zoom Details for Sunday Services** under **Recent News**.

Decorah UU Circles – We are practicing physical distancing to stay safe in these times, but that doesn't mean we must be disconnected socially. Check in with folks in your Circle or others as well, and know that together we care for our UU family and friends. Contact Sue Otte if you have questions or comments: sueotte@gmail.com, or 563-419-5396.

Decorah UU Giving – We deeply appreciate the gracious gifts of our members and friends, whether given on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. We understand that present circumstances and uncertainty may affect your ability to make a financial commitment to Decorah UU. Know that we value your "gracious gifts" to our fellowship, in whatever form they may be. **Decorah UU has set up online payment primarily for donations you might otherwise make in person at fellowship.** Go to our [Decorah UU](#) homepage and click on the "Give Online" button, which will take you to the Giving page. There, you'll find the "Donate" button which will send your payment through PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account. You'll be asked to choose whether your donation is for **Share-the-Plate** or for **Decorah UU**. You can only choose one, so if you want to donate to both, you will have to repeat the process. You can use a debit or credit card. Below the "Donate" button on the Giving page, you may also consider two options for recurring donations. Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101.

Decorah UU Support – As we continue to find our way through this challenging time, please remember: **if you need help**, let Otter know via phone 563-387-6050 or email otterdreaming@gmail.com. We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Member Emergency Fund – Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you or someone you know in the fellowship could use some help, please let Otter know. We may be able to provide support or short term monetary assistance. Confidentiality will be respected.

Decorah UU Service Archive – Did you miss a service we conducted by Zoom? Or did you attend but would like to watch it again? You can! Go to [Decorah UU](#). There are two links to our new YouTube channel: a small YouTube icon in the upper right and a button in the middle that says "Watch past services on YouTube." Once on the YouTube channel page, you can choose the service you want to watch. We will try to post the link within one week of each service. Tip: If you want to see the bulletin or other information about the service, you can click on the SERVICE ARCHIVE button on the homepage. From there you can click on a service and then the "read more" link.

Decorah UU online – For more information, please visit our website [Decorah UU](#) or our [facebook](#) page.

Decorah Community Food Pantry – In 2020, the Decorah Community Food Pantry hosted 4,964 client visits, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. These visits allowed the pantry to provide food for 14,062 children and adults. This accomplishment was made possible through the dedication of many people and organizations including local congregations and their members. At this time donations of paper towels would be welcome. For further information or to donate, see the website decorahpantry.org.

Mail Cheer – Green Iowa AmeriCorps has made a program for people who feel isolated during the pandemic. To give or receive these friendly letters, call *Green Iowa Americorps* at 563-293-5075, or visit the *Decorah & Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network*.

