

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song #346 *Gather the Spirit*

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 You may light a votive candle as you share a personal joy or concern.

Silent Meditation / 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. ...Findlow/Rickey

Decorah UU Annual Meeting (Agenda below.)

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.

Closing Song #311 *Let It Be a Dance*

AGENDA

2022 NEIUUF Annual Meeting

1. Brief Service (Board Members)
2. Call to Order (Julie Ohde, Board Chair)
3. Approval of 2021 Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - Board Chair Report
 - Membership Report
 - Sunday Service Committee Report
 - OWL Program Report
6. Financial Report & FY 2022-23 Budget Approval (Beth Wahlberg, Treasurer)
7. Election Items
 - 7.1. Board Member Election (vote for two) Julie Ohde, Shawn Dettmann
 - 7.2. Members of Nominating Committee (vote for two) Lalie Madriguera, Jean Daywitt
8. Recognitions
9. Adjourn
10. Close Service



Announcements

Thank you to **Julie Ohde & Decorah UU Board members** for leading our service and meeting today. ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after our gathering. And we'll be in touch again soon.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for this May-June is the *Humane Society of Northeast Iowa*. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

Sunday, May 8 - *Queering the Cure*. We welcome Dr. Jimmy Hoke, assistant professor of religion, whose talk "Queering the Cure" is relevant to both our monthly theme of transformation and the coming observation of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. Dr. Hoke will be looking at the biblical story of the transfiguration of Jesus as well as the account of healing that immediately follows in the synoptic gospels. He will invite us to think about the problematic idea of curing the queer/queerness. Nancy Barry, service leader.

Decorah UU Board - Board members for 2021-2022 are Julie Ohde (Chair) Beth Wahlberg (Treasurer), Maggie Hayden (liaison to the Nominating Committee), Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

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** for simplicity. The paper form is also available if necessary. Both forms are available via recent Decorah UU emails & newsletters, and both will be sent again in the coming week. Thank you - from your Decorah UU Board of Trustees.

It's time for some FUN! Several fellowship members have expressed an interest in once again holding social activities outside of our Sunday services. If you would like to join the committee to help plan some social gatherings, contact Julie Ohde (563-299-1854 or littleredkayak@gmail.com).

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.

Decorah Community Food Pantry - It's time to honor, to welcome, and celebrate. The Decorah Community Food Pantry board invites members of your congregation to an "open house" at Whalen Cabin, Phelps Park, on Monday, May 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will honor former staff, welcome the new director, and celebrate all the churches, volunteers, donors, and community members who have supported the Pantry and helped us serve food insecure people. Refreshments will be served. Masks are recommended.

