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# People's Church

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

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## Sunday Services—10:45 a.m.

For information on attending in-person services, please see page 3. The Zoom link for People's Church services is: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326>

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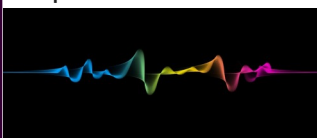
### February 5: How Much Brutality Can We Bear?: On Interdependence and Capitalism Rev. Rachel Lonberg

'What level of brutality and exploitation will we accept as a society in order to get the things we want but do not need?' asked journalist Ramtim Arablouei on a recent episode of NPR's *Throughline* podcast. Rev. Rachel has not been able to stop thinking about this question. It so clearly describes the challenges of living in our interconnected, capitalist world, where our consumer choices impact distant people in ways that we might never fully know. What does it mean to live ethically in this reality?



### February 12: Rhythm and Melody: a Mythosomatic Exploration of Music Gerren Young and Josh Holcomb

People's Church members Gerren Young and Josh Holcomb will lead a poetic journey through the mythic cycles of life and death, love and loss, creation and destruction through the unifying presence of music. Gerren Young is a native Kalamazooian who has been creating rhythm since the moment of conception. He is a professional woodworker and artist and shares his life with his partner



Elizabeth Huff Willis and three rowdy children.

Josh Holcomb is a music teacher and performer in the Southwest MI area. You can hear him performing with the Kalamazoo Symphony, his band Dede and the Dreamers, or as a solo performing artist. He teaches 1-on-1 music lessons at the Suzuki Academy Kalamazoo.

### February 19: Toward a New UUA Covenant Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Over the last several years, the Unitarian Universalist Association Article II Study Commission has worked to create a new version of Article II of the UUA bylaws (which includes the principles and sources) their work is complete and has been presented to the UUA board. The UUA General Assembly will now amend and vote on this proposal. But, first, Rev. Rachel will preach on the process and product. You can see the Study Commission's final draft here: [https://www.uua.org/files/2023-01/a2sc\\_rpt\\_01172023.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2023-01/a2sc_rpt_01172023.pdf) and learn more about their work here: <https://www.uua.org/uugovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>



### February 26: The Art of Apology Rev. Rachel Lonberg

We all make mistakes. We all hurt others, wittingly and unwittingly. When we hurt someone, how can we make it right? In this service Rev. Rachel will explore what makes for a good apology, drawing especially from the wisdom of Maimonides, a 12<sup>th</sup> century Sephardic Jewish philosopher and physician.

Miss a Sunday sermon? Check out the video at: <https://tinyurl.com/Peoplesyoutube>

## From the Minister



Dear People's People,

Every February, the Unitarian Universalist Association asks all congregations to submit information as part of an annual certification process. I wanted to share some of the more interesting pieces of our recent report:

**People's Church has 254 members!** Members are people who have signed the Bond of Union and participated in the life of the congregation in the past 18 months (by giving, attending Sunday services, or participating in our church life in other ways). This is a slight decrease from our last detailed membership count in early 2020, when we had 256 members. It felt too impossible to track membership in 2021 & 2022, when we were gathering primarily on Zoom.

**People's Church has 152 friends!** Because of some great work by People's Church staff on our database, we have our first accurate count of 'friends' in many years. Friends is our word for adults who participate in the life of our church who are not members. These friends range from deeply committed folks who have not signed the Bond of Union, to people who are newer visitors.

We also send the UUA some updates on our church finances. Over the last year, our building rental income has gone up, our number of pledgers has gone down, and our contributions to the UUA have increased. The most exciting part of our financial reporting is that **we have no long-term debt!** This is the first time we could report this since People's people expanded our church building over a decade ago.

The past few years have brought so many unforeseen challenges to our lives and to the life of People's Church. Thank you to everyone for all of

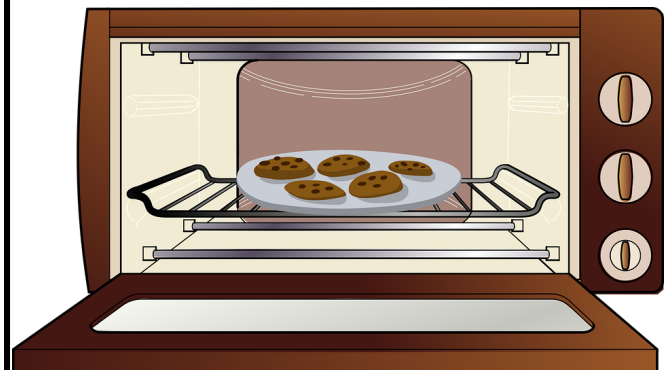
your efforts to weave our church community together. We are holding together, welcoming new people, and moving in the direction of our vision.

See you in church and on Zoom,  
Rev. Rachel

PS: I will be taking study leave February 6-12. During this time, I will be away from most of my regular church responsibilities to focus on study and planning for the remainder of the church program year. If you need me, please call or text.

### Calling All Cookie Bakers!

Can you bake cookies to help with the stewardship campaign?



We know sweet treats from People's bakers will be great motivation to complete pledge forms. For our stewardship campaign this March, we are hoping to give people cookies as incentives for completing pledge cards early in the campaign, increasing their pledges, etc.

If you have questions, want more information, or would be willing to bake a few dozen cookies, please contact Rev. Rachel

([minister@peopleschurch.net](mailto:minister@peopleschurch.net), 269-389-9721).

We do have funds available to reimburse bakers for the cost of ingredients, if that would be helpful.

## People's Church Silent Auction Returns in February

The People's Church silent auction is returning with the bid sheets in the halls of People's Church, bidding will run from February 5- February 26, when we will close the auction at 10:45 am before the Sunday Service. Join us as we build community one bid at a time by sharing our talents and treasures and raising money for the church.

You can view the current 2023 catalogue of donated items on our website here: <http://peopleschurch.net/announcement/peoples-church-silent-auction-coming-in-february/>. This will be updated as new items are submitted so make sure to check back regularly! **The form for submitting your donated goods, services or event can be found <https://forms.gle/JoeMpARxL6y54XTI8>. Once completed, please also remember to send a photo if you're able to Melissa at [office@peopleschurch.net](mailto:office@peopleschurch.net).**



In the past People's people have donated a wide range of services, goods, and events for auction including homemade seasonal pies; a poetry brunch; an ice cream party; cooking lessons; dinner parties; game nights; boat rides; child care; a haircut; a home appraisal; tax preparation assistance; framed photographs; original art; plants; skilled (and unskilled) labor; a dairy tour; pet care; accommodation at a lake house, and so much more. If you value it, someone else will too and they'll be willing to bid on it (with proceeds to benefit our church). Many of these activities also bring people closer together and work to build community. The People's Church silent auction is returning this February. Join us as we build community one bid at a time by sharing our talents and treasures and raising money for the church.

## Masks No Longer Mandatory

### Information about Attending Sunday Services in Person

The People's Church regathering team met on January 24, 2023 to review current science and public health recommendations and review our current COVID related procedures. Given the high rates of vaccination in our church community and the currently low rates of COVID transmission in Kalamazoo County, we have made some adjustments to our procedures and expectations of one another.



**Beginning in February, MASKS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED** at People's Church – including on Sunday mornings during service and Religious Education classes. Anyone is, of course, still welcome to bring and wear a mask based on their own needs and preferences. We will also no longer be using the COVID screening/sign in forms at the welcome table on Sunday mornings.

We know that everyone is assessing the risks of this moment differently and making the choices that are right for them. We will continue to offer multi-platform services for the foreseeable future as well as many programs, groups, and meetings on Zoom. We are committed to following scientific and public health guidance as we navigate this moment and will give people accurate information about what they can expect at church so they can make informed choices. We strive to be as accessible as we can be to everyone in our People's Church community.

If you have questions about any of this, please be in contact with the Regathering Team. The members are Marti Peters-Sparling, Donna McClurkan, Rev. Rachel Lonberg, Gary Heckman, Greg Feldmeier, and Melissa Emrich.

## Wishes of the Month



I hope everyone has been enjoying the opportunity to look at and add their great ideas to the new “I Wish Someone Would” board here at People’s Church. A number of these ideas have already been implemented and we have a few very exciting activities coming soon that came about from this board, such as the Board Game Night!

Remember to review **ALL** of the great ideas posted on the board and add your name to the comments if you are able to help make the idea happen (or hit the heart/like button if you aren’t able to help but would like to see the idea come to fruition!). You can access the board online here: <https://padlet.com/PeoplesChurch/lvo4v0pcvh14ck70>

- **Sunday Lunch and Clean-Up** Adham Tayara - We should to provide small lunch to feed people People's Church and also some desserts, coffee, hot chocolate, tea. And also provide some volunteers working in the kitchen and cleaning the common after the people finish after the Sunday Service.
  - Comment: I love the idea of after-service lunches. I would be willing to help serve lunch or clean up. ~Brianna Wurtsmith
- **Can the highschool host a prom again for the whole church? - Anonymous**
  - Comment: This is such a good idea -- and our youth group doesn't have capacity to organize a dance this year. I hope some other folks could step forward! (I'd be willing to help.) -- Rev. Rachel
  - A similar idea that could possibly be combined: Intergen. dance/movement - Donna McClurkan
    - Comment: I would LOVE a dance night! I used to teach beginner salsa lessons in college, and would be happy to do so for this, if there's any interest. ~ Brianna Wurtsmith
- I believe it is time to consider offering a family/member photo opportunity and compiling a new People's Church Picture Directory. The most recent one was completed in 2016-2017. Another photo could be submitted by those who did not want to have a professional photo taken.—Lois Loeffler

### Young Adult Chalice Circle

**February 18, 2-3:30pm, Room 19**

The young adult group is having their first chalice circle! We invite any young adult (ages 18-35) to join in conversation and meet other young adults.

Please text Sulan at (269) 254-7797 if you have any questions!

### **Chalice Circles**

ritual • sharing • deep listening  
reflection • silence



#### **Connection**

**The energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard & valued ...without judgment.**

— Brene Brown



### Inquirers Series

**Sessions are held every other Sunday from 12:30-1:30pm, until May.**

Visitors, newcomers, members, and anyone who wants more information about People's Church are invited to participate in the Inquirers Series.

The Inquirers Series meets at 12:30pm on Sundays in Room 19. A light lunch will be provided and childcare is available with one week's notice.

The Inquirers series is nine conversations that offer a general introduction to our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. Each session is stand-alone; you are welcome to participate in as many as you're able to attend and interested in.

- **February 5:** Session 2: Social Justice programs with Ann Feldmeier and/or Rochelle Habeck Hunt
- **February 19:** Session 3: UU History, Principles, and Sources with Rev. Rachel
- **March 5:** Session 4: People's Church History and Governance with Rev. Rachel & a board member
- **March 19:** Session 5: Pastoral Care & Small Group Ministry with Donna McClurkan & Rev. Rachel
- **April 2:** Session 6: Building Tour with Gary Heckman
- **April 16:** Session 7: Sunday Services with Savannah Ramsey & Rev. Rachel
- **April 30:** Session 8: Membership 101 with Rev. Rachel
- **May 14:** Session 9: Religious Education for Children and Youth, with Laura Bultman

For more information about this class, or to request childcare, please contact Rev. Rachel at [minister@peopleschurch.net](mailto:minister@peopleschurch.net) or 269-389-9721. It is helpful for our lunch planning if you register for the sessions that you plan to attend here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BA9AC22A13-inquirers1> or by contacting Rev. Rachel.



### Calling all People's Poets



The annual People's Poetry Service is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for this special gathering, and if you're a poet who'd like to share from your own

work, please send an email to Don Miller at [donbuilds@aol.com](mailto:donbuilds@aol.com) by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Board Game Night



@ PEOPLE'S CHURCH

Bring your favorite games, or come to learn some new ones!

**DATE:** Saturday, February 18, 2023  
4pm - 11pm

**KIDS ?** Childcare will be available so kids can play their own games.

**FOOD:** Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share.

### Board Game Night

**Saturday, February 18 4pm-11pm**

People's Church is hosting a Board Game Night on Saturday February 18th from 4pm-11pm! Feel free to come for a little while or come for the entire time! The event is open for anyone 18+, however childcare will be available so that kids can have their own game day separate from the adults! You are welcome to bring snacks or drinks to share, as well as your favorite games or come to learn some new ones!

## ISAAC Update

A review of ISAAC's work in 2022 shows powerful impacts throughout our community on all issues tackled. We are grateful for the support and participation of People's people in these endeavors and for the opportunities ISAAC provides for us to help build the Beloved Community.



### Voter Engagement

Working with key partners El Concilio and NAACP, ISAAC was funded and carried out extensive efforts to get out the vote in communities of color, including billboards of BIPOC leaders; deep engagement with Edison and Northside neighborhood partners for door-to-door canvassing; outreach to inactive voters from these neighborhoods, and grassroots community forum with judicial candidates.



### Preventing Gun Violence

Collaborating with community allies, ISAAC conducted events to heighten public awareness about local impacts of gun violence and increase advocacy for policies and interventions to prevent it, such as the Wear Orange Rally and Gun Violence Resource & Resilience Rallies.



### Preventing Youth Violence



Summer Youth Programs were hosted by ISAAC for innovative neighborhood-based programs including Blocks Club Youth Ambassadors, GVI Youth Academy and Parents United Youth Entrepreneurs, to develop leadership and

engagement of BIPOC youth.

### Anti-Racism and Affordable Housing

ISAAC members contributed public comments to public officials in Portage, Kalamazoo, surrounding townships, and County government on matters



involving equity and access in housing decisions, human resource matters, and race-related

incidents. Candidates for public office made commitments to antiracism training as part of the ISAAC Public Meeting.

## February Special Collection: Legacy House

### Sunday February 5th

The Legacy House is a program of OutFront Kalamazoo. Legacy House offers transitional housing for LGBTQ+

young adults ages 18-24, who are navigating homelessness in Kalamazoo County. In addition to a place to live, Legacy House provides residents with services, resources, and skill-building to encourage and facilitate healthy, sustainable, and holistic transitions into independence and interdependence.





### **First Exhibit on the Art Wall in 3 years!**

**“Images of the Night”, photography by Eric Schreur**

**Exhibit Dates: February 25 to March 25, 2023**

**Artist Reception: Sunday, February 12, 2023 12:15-1:15 after the service**

**Hours: By appointment or during church hours.**

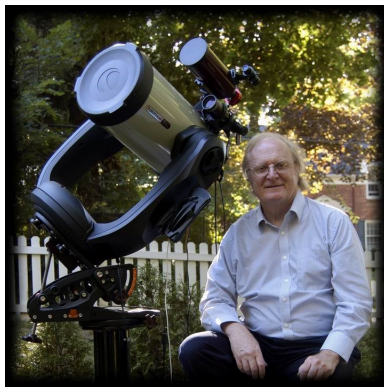
Eric has been interested in astronomy and photography since his high school years and was always fascinated by the night sky. His early photographs of the sky were made with a traditional film camera, processed in a darkroom.



With the advent of digital photography and his expertise in Photoshop, Eric can capture and produce images with more precision than ever before.

This exhibit includes a variety of exquisite photographs of the night sky, including many of the Milky Way. There is also a composite image showing the stages of a total solar eclipse.

He has traveled around the world to witness a dozen total solar eclipses. He carries the same camera and lens combination to each eclipse, and now uses a tripod and tracking motor to follow the sun, and a small computer to trigger the camera.



Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Education degrees from Western Michigan University led him to his former position as Planetarium Coordinator at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum from 1985-2015. His avid interest remains in his retirement as he built a small backyard observatory to continue photographing the night sky.

**To Purchase: The 12” x 18” photographs on metal surfaces are for sale at \$150 each. Other sizes are also available to order. Any of the framed images are available to order, in a variety of sizes. Contact Eric @[eric.schreur@live.com](mailto:eric.schreur@live.com) to place an order.**

### **People's Church Collects Cans & Bottles!**

The partnership between People's Church and BLM Mealtrain Kzoo/BC will be ongoing! Please help support their wonderful work by bringing in your clean cans and bottles on or under the table that has been set up in the downstairs lobby of the church (behind the welcome desk).

The Kalamazoo/Battle Creek BLM Meal Train began in the spring of 2020 as an effort to make sure Black organizers and families were fed during the biggest racial justice uprisings of our lifetimes. What began in 2020 as an urgent mutual-aid effort morphed into a more sustained and sustaining network of care centering food. All along they have prioritized BIPOC organizers and families, safety, dignity, and care.



## Green Spot — What's Happening with all the Funding Packages from the Federal Government?



Over the past year, Congress has approved, and the President has signed 2 huge spending bills: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation, and the Inflation Reduction Act. Both of these had large portions devoted to climate mitigation and adaptation. The administration is working feverishly to prepare Federal agencies to roll out the funds, and expects to have portions ready by late 2023. Many of the rebates are available now for individuals

### So how will this affect me?

Individuals are eligible for a mixture of: 1) up-front discounts, right when you buy electric appliances; 2) tax credits you can claim later; 3) and low-cost financing. Your income determines the particular makeup of these benefits.



### What's covered?

For your home: heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, upgrades to your wiring, weatherization, electric stove upgrades, efficiency improvements, geothermal heating, rooftop solar, battery storage, weatherization.  
Electric Vehicles: new and used electric vehicles, EV charger

### To learn more check out the following

#### Rewiring America:

- Report - <https://content.rewiringamerica.org/reports/Rewiring%20America%20Go%20Electric%20Digital%20Guide.pdf>
- Savings Calculator - <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>

#### And the Federal Government

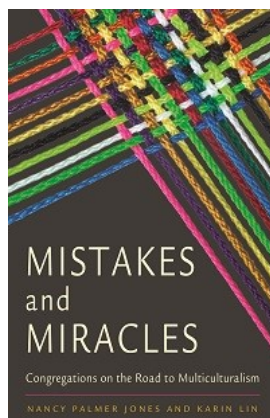
(CleanEnergy.gov): [https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/?utm\\_source=cleanenergy.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/?utm_source=cleanenergy.gov)

### UUA Common Read Continues

Tuesday, February 14, 6:15-7:30pm

On Zoom: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326>

Join members of the Dismantling Racism team for our next conversation on *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin. This session will focus on power to make change in congregations, using the example of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis featured in chapter 3 of the book. You are welcome to attend, even if you haven't



attended previous sessions. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, we have extras available. Please contact Rev. Rachel ([minister@peopleschurch.net](mailto:minister@peopleschurch.net), 269-389-9721)

**White Elephant Sale**

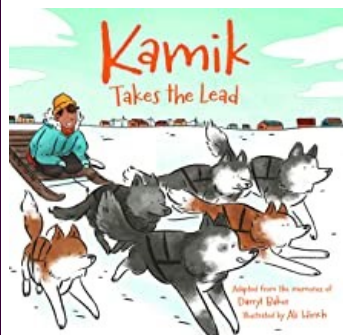
**Coming Soon!**

A date will be announced when available so hold on to your items and watch church communications!



## Library Corner

The following are two of the newer books in People's Church Library.

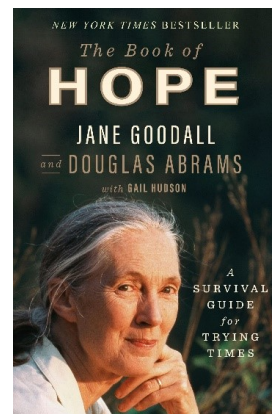


*Kamik Takes the Lead*, by Darryl Baker

Adapted from the memories of the author, this book shares traditional dog-rearing practices and dog-training techniques from the remote community of Arviat, Nunavut, a sparsely populated territory of northern Canada. The traditional bond between Inuit and their sled dogs is celebrated. Can be found on display or shelved to the far right in the RE section under J Ba.

*The Book of Hope; a Survival Guide for Trying Times*, by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams

*The Book of Hope* touches on vital questions, including: How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action? Can be found on display or shelved in the Adult section under 304.2 Go.



**Questions/ comments are welcomed. Please contact Lois Loeffler, chair of the Library Committee, at [loisloeffler@gmail.com](mailto:loisloeffler@gmail.com).**

### How to Search the People's Church Library Catalog from Home

The instructions below are listed in People's Church website ([peopleschurch.net](http://peopleschurch.net)). Find Engage with Us in the blue strip above the large photo of the church. Choose Church Library Catalog from the drop down menu.

Go to [www.librarything.com/catalog/peopleschurchofkzoo](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/peopleschurchofkzoo)

Decide which collection you'd like to search (Examples: Main Church Library=adult titles; RE Library=children's titles) and select it from the list in the upper left.

Near the upper right in the box next to the yellow word 'Search', enter a title or author or simple desired topic.

Use the book's Dewey call number in the left hand column to locate the book in People's library. People's Library collection is located in the upper foyer to the left of the door into the Commons. The books are divided into Main Church Library (adult) and RE Library (children's).

The Main Church Library begins to the left of the middle of the back wall and continues (left to right, in ascending Dewey call numbers) across the aisle to the right end of the low bookshelves and then around to the front of the bookcase, ending with B (biographies).

The RE Library begins in the middle of the front side of the low bookshelves, ending with RE picture books and fiction (J).

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## All Specialty Classes, All the Time

Over the holidays, the RE program took a break from our regular curriculum and had a full slate of specialty classes instead! This year we're doing something a little different and including our Middle and High School students in specialty days.

We were lucky to have some awesome choices for our kids. We had cookie decorating, gingerbread houses, chocolate pretzels, board games, citrus sun catchers, bubble tea and noodles, outdoor games, and more.

It was a blessing to see the children and youth connecting with each other and our dedicated RE volunteers, building community together, and having fun.

A big thanks to Mary Kate Webster and Ben Jones for organizing and to all our specialty class teachers for being spectacular.



### K/I OWL

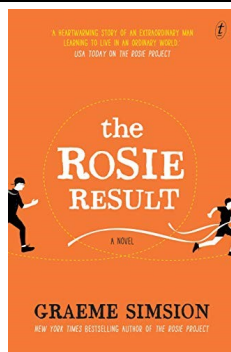
This winter we're having another OWL class—this time for Kindergarten and First graders. OWL (Our Whole Lives) is a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that promotes sexual health, values and communication skills. Children will learn about our amazing bodies, keeping those bodies safe and healthy, and age-appropriate human sexuality information. We are lucky to have a group of eager Kindergarten and First Grade students who are ready to learn!



### The RE Committee is here to help!

While Diane, our Director of Religious Education, is on sabbatical, the RE committee and the RE assistant are working hard to keep our program running. We would welcome your help! We can always use teachers and specialty class leaders! Get in touch, volunteer, or ask us anything by emailing [RE@peopleschurch.net](mailto:RE@peopleschurch.net)





### **Afternoon Book Club**

**Thursday 02/16, 1:30pm**

The Afternoon Book Group will go to Australia on Thursday, February 16, as we discuss *The Rosie Result* by Graeme Simsion. This is the third in a series of three novels but Mary Tift says it is also a "stand-alone" book. We will either meet via Zoom or at the Friendship Village Clubhouse depending on the weather. Marj Lightner is the contact person: [marjlightner56@gmail.com](mailto:marjlightner56@gmail.com)

### **Discussion Group**

**Saturday, 2/4, 10:30-12 Room 8, masks optional**

We will default to 'current events' this time. Bring any items from recent news that you would be interested in discussing. If you want to get on the email list to get reminders and/or send and receive any recommended background readings (usually brief public media articles) contact Pat Nelson, [patnelson348@gmail.com](mailto:patnelson348@gmail.com).



We'll set aside some time to talk about possible future topics. We really enjoyed having a guest speaker last month and would like suggestions for others.

### **Film Discussion**

**Tuesday, February 28, 3-4:30 on Zoom**



The group continues to choose films on a month by month basis. Check the weekly email for announcements of options to be voted among, and the final choice to be reviewed, or contact Pat Nelson to get on the email list ([patnelson348@gmail.com](mailto:patnelson348@gmail.com)). Kay Spade will be suggesting films this month. Films are chosen from among low cost rentals or free from the library, etc.; no subscriptions needed. Anyone is welcome to any meeting to talk about the films we watch separately in advance

### **Lincoln School's Kid's Closet Needs**

We have received a request from the Communities in Schools Kids Closet for donations of clothing and shoes. They need boys and girls sweaters and shoes. The sizes needed are boys tennis shoes are size 3, 4, & 5 and girls tennis shoes sizes 1, & 5. Also woman sweatshirts or sweaters size L & XL. If you wish to donate any of these needed items, please bring them to church to Rev. Rachel's office.

Alternately, donations of Walmart Gift Cards are very welcome so that Joseph, the CIS Lincoln representative, can purchase the needed clothing items and shoes.





## Ongoing needs for Refugees at the Free Clothing & toy Store, at Congregation of Moses



Thanks to all of you who have made donations to assist our Refugee friends. There continue to be needs as there are new arrivals & cold weather is here. These are items we're needing:

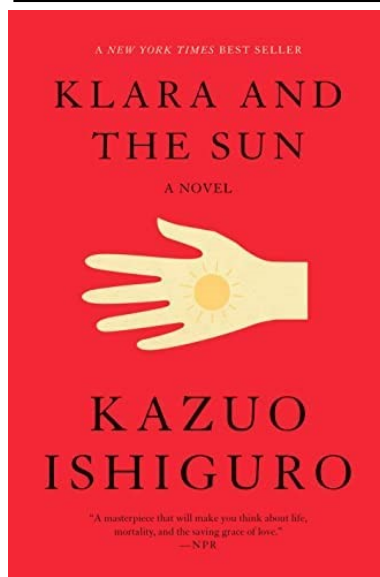
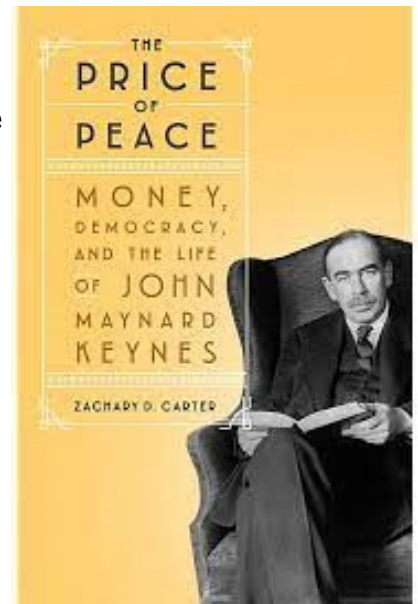
- Winter clothing, including coats, gloves & boots, especially items for children, small/med men's.
- Nice blankets & large pieces of fabric for making garments.
- Personal care items, laundry & dish soap & paper products.
- Toys

Items can be dropped off at Congregation of Moses, 2501 Stadium Dr, M-F 9-1:00. You are always welcome to visit the store. Any questions, please contact Colleen VanSlambrouck 269-341-0573

## Study Group

The Study Group will be meeting on Monday February 13 at 7:30, via Zoom, to discuss "The Price of Peace: Money, Democracy, and the Life of John Maynard Keynes", by Zachary Carter. This history is in part a biography of the leading economist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century -- but it is also an account of his attempt as a philosopher to modernize liberalism.

The Study Group meets monthly to discuss a wide variety of books dealing with issues in philosophy, religion, science, history, and current affairs. New members are welcome! For more information, or to get the Zoom address for the meeting, contact Kay Spade at [jkspace@charter.net](mailto:jkspace@charter.net).



## Evening Book Club

**Thursday, 2/9, 6-7:30 PM**

**Lois Loeffler's home; masks optional**

*Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro will be reviewed by Marijo Steenstra. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Lois at (269) 372-0038 if you need directions or for any other information.

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Wednesday	February 1	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
Thursday	February 2	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Saturday	February 4	Discussion Group	10:30am	Room 8
Sunday	February 5	<b>Bidding Begins for Silent Auction</b>		
		Sunday Service: How Much Brutality Can We Bear?: On Interdependence and Capitalism	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Inquirer's Series: Social Justice Programs	12:30pm	Room 19
Tuesday	February 7	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Board Meeting	6:30pm	Room 19
Wednesday	February 8	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
Thursday	February 9	Evening Book Club	6:00pm	Lois Loeffler Home
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Sunday	February 12	Sunday Service: Rhythm and Melody: a Mythosomatic Exploration of Music	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Children's Choir Discussion Meeting	12:15pm	Room 19
		Art Wall Reception	12:15pm	Commons
Tuesday	February 14	Building and Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		UUA Common Read	6:15pm	Zoom
Wednesday	February 15	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
		RE Committee	6:30pm	At Church
Thursday	February 16	Afternoon Book Club	1:30pm	Zoom or Friendship Village
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Saturday	February 18	Board Game Night	4:00pm	Room 19
Sunday	February 19	Sunday Service: Toward a New UUA Covenant	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Inquirer's Series: UU History, Principles, and Sources	12:30pm	Room 19
Monday	February 20	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>		
Tuesday	February 21	Building and Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Library Committee	10:00am	At Church
Wednesday	February 22	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
Thursday	February 23	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Sunday	February 26	<b>SILENT AUCTION BIDDING CLOSSES AT START OF SERVICE</b>		
		Sunday Service: The Art of Apology	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
Tuesday	February 28	Building and Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Facing Life, Facing Death	1:30pm	Zoom
		Dismantling Racism Team	6:00pm	Zoom

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