

Living Table

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

This Week with Living Table UCC



Message from Pr. Laura Beth

Thank you, Living Table UCC!

This year flew by fast for me as your associate pastor. Thank you for taking a chance on me and my ministry! I have spent the last few days reflecting on our time together and I am so grateful.

With that, our time has ended. With good endings come good boundaries. I will no longer be available for pastoral care and you should kindly relay all your pastoral care requests to Pastor Rachael. This means you should not call me, text me, or email me for anything pastoral. (Feel free to keep sending me recipes, TED talk videos, and jokes, though!)

I will be working full time for Associates in Psychiatry and Psychology in South Minneapolis. Sadly, this means you cannot request me to be your therapist and I cannot accept anyone from church as my client. This is all for good ethical reasons—therapists should be unbiased and I already know you and think you are wonderful.

I will be staying a member of Living Table, so you will see me around from time to time. We've talked a lot about our boundaries and what we can't do—but let's end with what we can still do:

We can sing together!

We can advocate for justice together!
We can laugh together!
We can pray together!

And I look forward to it. Thank you for all you've done for me, Living Table! See you in the New Year.

Peace,
Laura Beth

Calendar

All Living Table events are Virtual, see All Things for Online Church for Zoom Links:
<http://www.livingtable.org/all-things-for-online-church.html>

Wednesday:

10 am Virtual Tea with Pastor Rachael
5 pm Centering Prayer Group
6 pm GA Meeting (Rental)

Thursday: New Year's Eve

Saturday:

8 am Morning Bible Study Group reading Luke

Sunday:

9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

View the full calendar in the [Calendar](#) tab on our website.

All Things for Online Church

Death of Linda Hubbard

Please pray for the family and friends of Linda Hubbard, who died from COVID-19. We will share information about her Celebration of Life Service when it is available.

Daily Mini Service Becomes a Weekly Mini Service

Since the Daily Advent Mini Services were attended and appreciated by many people, Pr. Rachael will continue a Mini Service on a weekly basis. Starting next week, on Wednesday, January 6, at 6 pm. The mini service will include a reading and time for prayer and will be on both Facebook Live and Youtube.

Birthday Open House!

You are invited to celebrate Char's 65th Birthday on Dec. 31 via Zoom, 4-6 pm. You can tell a story, sing a song, share a memory, tell a joke or just say hi!

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87906703151?pwd=Y1hTSzgwRoorTkhQN3REQzRwTWdjQTog>

Meeting ID: 879 0670 3151

Passcode: CharandDar (passcode won't be required but just in case...)

Worship Liturgists and Readers Needed

If you would like to participate in worship as a Liturgist (the "third voice") or a reader (reading one of the text for the day), please sign up [here](#). The sign up sheet is for January and February. When it is full, a new sign up sheet for March and April will be available.

Beacon Rent Day Action

Beacon's next Rent Day Action will be on Jan. 5 at 8:30. To participate, please register at <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/action-010521/>. Beacon will send you a link and a reminder.

Help Beacon Take Action

Thank you to the six people who came to the Rent Day action this week. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative would like help from all of us during the 2021 legislative session. It needs us each to do one or more of these things: write an e-mail, write a letter, make a phone call, or attend a virtual meeting with our own legislator. If you can do one of these, please use the link below to go to the action pledge on Beacon's website. When you fill in the pledge, Beacon can alert you when help is needed. We all know that housing is important. Let's support Beacon's efforts to increase support for housing and to get a state rental subsidy. The link is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyX4msdTadj7ldwQujHIYGQ6Zm6sa_Xm_v31DAIW9XFVmt4g/viewform

New Topic for Sunday School

Beginning on January 3, 2021, the Sunday School class will discuss *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. If you would like to join the discussion, please get a copy of the book. If you have any trouble getting the book, please let Pr. Rachael know, and she'll get one to you.

UCC Special Offering

The final UCC Special Offering is called the Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross). It goes to retired pastors with low incomes, who often served when ministers were not well compensated and therefore don't get much Social Security. The pandemic has been especially hard on them. The fund helps with emergency grants and health premiums, and it sends small Christmas "Thank You" gift checks in December. We will collect for this offering the rest of this month.

Zoom Passwords Required

All Zoom meetings now require a passcode. Thursday's Table talk contains all the meetings and passcodes for Living Table. If you cannot find what you need, please contact Pr. Rachael. They will not be shared on our website. You, however, are free to share them with anyone interested in attending Living Table activities.

All Things for Online Church

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