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JUNE 7 10:00 A.M. RE AND BRIDGING SUNDAY – Pastor Emma, Del Carpenter *

**JUNE 14 10:00 A.M. DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY
– Anna McNally, John Miller; Mary Kay Madsen ***

11:30 A.M. Adult Forum

**JUNE 21 10:00 A.M. THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF GEOLOGY
– Lynn Brant, TBA ***

**JUNE 28 10:00 A.M. SUMMER VACATION IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC
– Pastor Emma, Karen Impola ***



* ~ denotes *Worship Associate*



For the month of June, CVUU events at the building remain suspended. Sunday Services, the Forum, Coffee, and more will be held online. See various articles for more details and check the Weekly Updates.

The mission of this organization is to be an accepting and supportive community that nurtures spiritual, emotional, and intellectual explorations, articulates ethical values, and encourages actions based on personal beliefs. This community is a voice for religious diversity, human tolerance, improvement of the human condition, and preservation of our environment.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

One of the first things I learned in my orientation to the CVUU was about *Gerry Chamberlin* and the church newsletter. Gerry's created the newsletter for a number of years. Her monthly creations have documented the goings on at the CVUU for a long time. The monthly notes from the current Board President, the Minister, and the various committee chairs does more than keep us abreast of whatever we should be sure to put on our calendars—the newsletter preserves our history. Because of Gerry and her archive, we can select any month or year in our not-quite recent history, read the newsletter, and have some idea of just what was going on at church during that time. I love reading the newsletter each month. I love the little details Gerry disperses throughout the columns—marking funny “national recognition months” or reminding us of volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. I myself prefer a paper copy, though I often find myself referring to the newsletter online throughout the month.

Right now, the CVUU is experiencing unprecedented times. We, like everyone else, are living through a pandemic for the first time. We're facing challenges in every aspect of our lives—whether it's a toilet paper shortage at the grocery store, a longing to get together with our friends for a morning coffee, or the frustrating mix of boredom and a lack of control. We're all having a bit of a hard time, and that's true at church, too! We've needed to rethink how we worship and gather, and we've needed to do it fast! Sunday mornings now happen on Zoom. Our Facebook group has morphed into a kind of extended coffee hour, with folks exchanging jokes and expressing sorrows online instead of face to face. I'm so proud of the Board, and the members of our CVUU COVID-19 Task Force as they've considered how to sustain our connections during distancing, while diligently preparing for a safe reunion at some point in the future.

Typically, the CVUU goes on a bit of a “summer vacation” during June, July, and part of August. We kick off our “church year” in September. When I became your pastor, I urged the CVUU to think of itself as open year-round. I took some vacation time and study leave in June, but I hung around as much as I could during the dog days of summer. This summer, due to the pandemic, we've decided to remain as connected as we can. We can't get together on Sunday morning, but that doesn't mean we can't continue to sustain and grow our relationships to one another. It's time for us to envision new ways of connecting, and to revisit the old ones, too! That's why Gerry lovingly assembled this June newsletter and will do a separate one in July (even though these two months are typically combined into one, giving her a break in June). This newsletter is one way we're sustaining our community. It's also keeping a record of this significant time in our church history. I hope you're finding ways to remain in touch during this time, and I hope you love reading the newsletter as much as I do! Thank you to Gerry, and to all of you who do your part to enrich the CVUU community.

Have a safe and healthy summer,

Pastor Emma



UU-related historical facts in our newsletters are contributed by *Mica Lorenz* and taken from *This Day in Unitarian Universalist History* by Frank Schulman – Skinner House Books.



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Online Activities and preparing for the future

The CVUU Board met on May 14th, and although things are starting to open up in Iowa, we'd prefer to take a more cautious approach to resuming in-person activities at the CVUU. Based on the UUA guidelines on live services, the CVUU will continue to have online services at least through the end of August. We are also forming a CVUU COVID-19 Task Force to develop parameters and procedures for small group gatherings and returning to live services. We hope to find some safe ways to connect with each other in person this summer! For now, keep watching your Weekly Updates and keep joining us on Sundays and Wednesdays on Zoom.

Heather Flory,
CVUU Board President

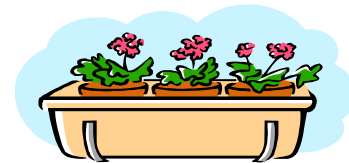


ADMIN UPDATE

What a wild couple of months it's been, in my capacity as your CVUU Office Administrator. I've assisted in the planning and doing of online services, helped facilitate and coordinate online communications, designed and compiled the annual report, and completed a congregation-wide mailing for the Annual Meeting ballots. Phew! *Heather* pointed out to me a couple of weeks ago that most of what I do for the CVUU is invisible—but even so, I never feel that my job is thankless.

As a card-carrying introvert, I'm pretty quiet most of the time, but I notice a lot; and especially during this COVID-19 crisis, I've continually noticed the love, compassion, and spirit of teamwork that keep our congregation together, even when we're apart. We really are all in this together, and I'm continually grateful for the other members of staff, the elected leaders, and the members and visitors, for the sense of community that connects us all during these troubled times. Thank you.

Kat Beane Hanson,
Office Administrator



Charles Carroll Everett was born on June 19, 1829 in Brunswick, Maine. Charles trained for medicine at Bowdoin College before going to Europe to study from 1851 to 1852. When he returned, Bowdoin asked him to teach modern languages. The college refused to make him a professor however, on the grounds that he was a Unitarian, so he entered Harvard Divinity School and took a pastorate in Bangor, Maine, in 1859. In 1869, Everett published *The Science of Thought*, which used the tools of both medicine and language to explore the formation of creeds. He accepted an appointment as Bussey Professor of Theology at Harvard and wrote books that helped shape it into a strong and influential nondenominational theological school. Despite his wide-ranging search for the truth, Everett remained a strong Unitarian whose theological method influenced many of his contemporaries and successors. He died on October 16, 1900.

CHILDREN'S RE

The RE teachers and helpers continue to think of you and your children and look forward to being together with you again soon. Keep abreast of the Weekly Updates, newsletters, and Facebook so that you are aware when RE for our children will resume.



JUNE SERVICES

Sundays (online) at 10:00 a.m. unless stated otherwise.

JUNE 7th

RE and Bridging Sunday

~~ Pastor Emma, Del Carpenter (WA)

JUNE 14th

Diversity in Our Community

~~ Anna McNally, John Miller; Mary Kay Madsen (WA)
Anna and *John* will offer their perspectives on diversity within our community. They hope to make this an interactive service so that those participating can add their thoughts and also ask questions.

JUNE 21st

The Religious Significance of Geology

~~ Lynn Brant, TBA (WA)

Religion is partly based upon how the world is viewed. Until a couple hundred years ago, Westerners in the Judeo-Christian culture had a very different conception of the world than the one we have now, and it played into their religion. Science, including geology, has given us a new vision. We take our modern views so much for granted that most of us don't think about them (except for some Fundamentalists in our society). My talk will be a sketch of the role geology has played in this re-visioning of the universe.

Editor's Note: Siccar Point sketch below is related to Lynn's service. ←

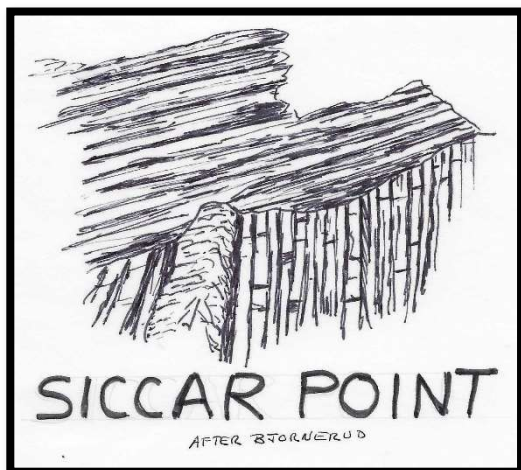
JUNE 28th

Summer Vacation in a Time of Pandemic

~~ Pastor Emma, Karen Impola (WA)

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**Note:** Beginning on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> and returning Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> *Pastor Emma* will be off during these two weeks, and not be available, except in cases of emergency.



*Egbert Ethelred Brown* was ordained at Meadville Theological School. Born in Jamaica on June 25, 1912, Brown brought his family to America and became one of the few early African-American Unitarian ministers. After his ordination, Brown moved his family to New York City, where he founded a Unitarian church in Harlem. Plagued with financial problems, he was censured by the American Unitarian Association in 1929 for soliciting funds from his colleagues and other congregations. Barely eking out a living for some time, Brown was reinstated by the AUA in 1935 after the American Civil Liberties Union threatened to sue. Egbert Ethelred Brown died in 1956.



## MEDITATION AND BUDDHISM AT THE CVUU

Mindfulness Meditation is available every Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. *In addition*, Buddhist Path on June 8<sup>th</sup> (and the second Monday each month) from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (with social time from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.). See the Weekly Update or Buddhist Path Facebook Group for details about how to join us online for virtual meditation and Buddhist Path in June. To find or join this group, go to <[www.cedarvalleyuu.org](http://www.cedarvalleyuu.org)> and click the option on the homepage to “Find us on Facebook.”

Our goal is to have shared leadership of these two activities! If you would like to help lead one or both types of sessions, or if you'd like to help coordinate these activities, please contact *Heather Flory* at <[president@cedarvalleyuu.org](mailto:president@cedarvalleyuu.org)>.



## CVUU YOUTH GROUP

The CVUU YoUth Group will meet on Zoom at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, to play *Bring Your Own Book!* BYO Book is an Apples-to-Apples style game where each participant brings a book and has to find a quote from it that matches a particular category announced by the host.

We will wrap by 6:00ish so we don't interfere with the all-church Wednesday hang-out.

*Marta Ferguson*



## DO YOU ENJOY TREATS AND COFFEE?

If so, plan ahead to help us keep them coming once we can again gather for socializing in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up for a Hospitality Team by contacting *Mica Lorenz*. Your team will provide treats and coffee approximately nine times a year for this popular function. It's a fun way to meet other members and work together with a small team.

## GREEN LIVING CORNER

### *What Useful and Green Things We Can Learn While Staying Safe*

If you, like us, have found or ‘discovered’ neglected or unloved staple foods in the back of your cupboard and have used them up, Congratulations! Good food, insights into creative combining, and new enjoyment! We have entered the *zeitgeist* of the Great Depression, when our grandparents and parents got their “Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without” values.



Now we have time to try some things like longer cooking times, more unfamiliar preparation, or new ways to think about our food choices. And that can mean both a lower grocery bill and a sense of accomplishment at mastering a special skill.

You know this applies to more than what’s in the cupboard.

Did you also find yourself eyeing that Rocky Mountain of things that need a little mending before you can use them again, or pass them on successfully? If you acquired that mountain by averting your eyes and hurrying on when you were too busy going out and socializing more, now’s your best chance ever to learn a valuable new skill—and it can be artistic as well.



My example comes from my avoiding sock repair, dreading the standard “weaving” system that always seemed to end in an ugly and distinctly uncomfortable mend. The solution lay in a surprising suggestion: (1) make a circle around the area with a similar-weight yarn by basting (simple, long straight stitches by hand), and (2) use the basic *single crochet stitch* to start at the perimeter of the hole and continue around and around until you’ve come to the center. Have fun using similar-weight yarn colors of your choosing—be as colorful as you want! (If you need sock-weight yarn and don’t have any, ask a friend who crochets, knits, or weaves. You can also see what a store can offer.)

Here’s an example:



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### ***Pollinator Garden***

Learn more about our native plants and their help to wildlife and our own lives: at the [quick, one-hour “Planting Time” on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.](#)



Bring your own mask, gloves, digging tool, hand sanitizer. Safe distancing will be observed.

~ Donna Davis for Green Living



### ***CARDS & GAMES SMALL GROUP***

The CVUU Cards & Games Small Group will continue to be on hiatus. If you have an interest in, or questions about the group, contact *Moria Brown*.

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

One last Forum for this church year will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. following the Sunday “Zoom” service.

### **June 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Special Forum on our Social Action Charities**

As many of you know, the plate collection for the last Sunday of every month goes to support a worthy organization in the community whose activities support UU values. This has been a very successful mechanism for social action over the years, raising thousands of dollars for a variety of good causes. Every year, the Social Action Committee asks for nominations for recipients of a collection and then the congregation votes on which ones should receive it.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Adult Forum, you will have the opportunity to learn about the organizations that have been nominated this year. This can help you make an informed choice. Subsequent to the Forum, a survey will be circulated, giving members the opportunity to vote for the organizations most vital to them. There are, of course, many worthwhile organizations, but we need to choose which ones to support in FY 2020-21.

Please stay online after the Zoom service on June 14<sup>th</sup> and participate in this Forum, **and** please respond promptly to the survey!

For questions contact Social Action Chair, *Pam Hays*.



## SOCIAL ACTION

### ***Social Action Charities for August 2020 – July 2021***

Like so many aspects of congregational life, the process for selecting charities to receive our monthly social action collection will be different this year, with a different timeline and process. What each part specifically looks like is still subject to change as we try to maneuver around all the major decisions that have to be made this spring. For now, it does look like we will be sending out a ballot mainly via email sometime in the next couple of months.

These new charities have been nominated: Cedar Bend Humane Society; Black Hawk/Grundy/Unity Point Mental Health Clinic; Northeast Iowa Food Bank Food Pantry; Cedar Valley Bicycle Collective; Back-to-Basics Youth Empowerment Program; Healthy Cedar Valley Coalition; and Beyond Pink TEAM. They will appear on the ballot with all the charities we selected in 2019-2020. Thank you to everyone who sent in a nomination. Stay tuned for further developments.



*Sally Browne*,  
Social Action Committee member

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### ***Update on the April 2020 Social Action Collection***

*Planned Parenthood*, our designated charity for the month of April, was discussed at our online Sunday service, and \$160 in checks was received at the CVUU for that cause!

Our **June Social Action Collection** will be on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> for *Iowa Pride*. Please send your donations for that cause to CVUU, 3912 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls. Please indicate on your check that it is for Iowa Pride so the Collector allocates this appropriately.

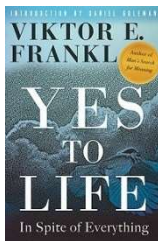
Hello everyone! There has been a *little more* activity in and around the building this last month. Ever faithful to the needs of the Little Pantry, *Priscilla* stops by often to check on it. Although mostly working from home, *Kat* has been spotted stopping by too. The ‘team’ signed up to mow—*Bill, Roger, Steve, and Ken*—are some we’ve noticed taking care of the lawn. *Donna, Sally, Mary Kay* and probably others we’ve missed, have stopped by on behalf of the garden and flowers. *Moria* and *Bill* were seen doing some much-needed pruning of bushes on the premises. Looking good; thanks to each of you!



*The Church Mouse*



In a recent email message, UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, following her letter about comfort, courage, and compassion in these times, provided some links for *Care for Self: Spiritual Care and Mental Health Resources*. One link went to a book recently published by Viktor Frankl titled, *Yes to Life*, which is available through the UU Book and Gift Shop, *InSpirit*.



Here is a description: “Eleven months after he was liberated from the Nazi concentration camps, Viktor E. Frankl held a series of public lectures in Vienna. The psychologist, who would soon become world famous, explained his central thoughts on meaning, resilience, and the importance of embracing life even in the face of great adversity. He then edited those talks into a book.

“Published here for the very first time in English, Frankl’s words resonate as strongly today as they did in 1946. He offers an insightful exploration of the maxim ‘Live as if you were living for the second time’ and he unfolds his basic conviction that every crisis contains opportunity. Despite the unspeakable horrors of the camps, Frankl learned from the strength of his fellow inmates that it is always possible to “say yes to life”—a profound and timeless lesson for us all.”



### JUBILEE METHODIST CHURCH LUNCHEON

We are looking forward to when we will once again be able to gather for the delicious luncheons at the Jubilee Methodist church in Waterloo. In the meantime, if you’d like more information on how we participate in these luncheons, contact *Priscilla*.



### CARING CONNECTIONS

As with all of our activities right now, the Caring Connections Committee will be suspending their Sunday meetings at church. The contact person for *June* is *Betsy Brant*.

On June 19, 1785 the *proprietors of King’s Chapel in Boston* voted twenty to seven to become Unitarian. The congregation revised the *Book of Common Prayer* to omit all references to the Trinity. “Thus,” wrote Francis W. P. Greenwood, “the first Episcopal Church in New England became the first Unitarian church in the New World.”



Getting outside to tend yards and gardens is a joy for many as the weather warms. Is there a friend or neighbor who needs some help in those areas due to compromised mobility or the scare of the pandemic? ...so many ways we can be helpful at this time.

*Carolyn Hartsfield, Trish Cook, Floralyn Groff, Damon Gross, Lynn Williams, and Teresa Costa* are in our thoughts as they deal with health issues and/or are continuing to heal.

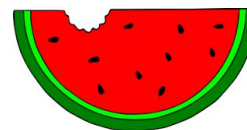
Keep these members and friends in your thoughts, or better yet, send a card, call, or plan a visit (when we’re back to ‘normal’)—*Donna Kroeger* and *Thos Sumner* who are at the Western Home.

Contact the *Caring Committee* with pastoral concerns, or if you are in need of assistance.



### SOME OBSERVANCES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE INCLUDE:

- National Accordion Awareness month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable month
- National Dairy month    National Smile month
- National Soul Food month    National Aphasia month
- National Bathroom Reading month
- National Scleroderma Awareness month



### ANNUAL UU PICNIC UPDATE! !

It is with regret that we inform you that the Third Annual CommUUnity Picnic has been cancelled due to concerns about COVID-19. Please remove this event from your July 4<sup>th</sup> calendar. We do look forward to hosting this again in 2021, if things settle down.

*Moria and Bill Brown*

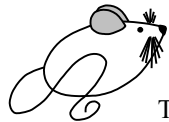


### MOVIE DISCUSSION SMALL GROUP

The Movie Discussion Small Group will not be holding a June meeting, but if you would like information on this Small Group, contact *Nancie Groszkruger*.



Did you attend the online Zoom service on May 24<sup>th</sup>? If so, wasn't Nate's musical contribution from our sanctuary of *Where Have All*



*The Flowers Gone* a lovely tearjerker? What you may not know is, Ken was behind the scene tending to the electronics to make it happen!

Thank you both for your amazing talents; even the little mice who were extra quiet knew it was special.

*The Church Mouse*



## GRASS IS GROWING & WILL NEED MOWING

*Volunteers Needed!!*

The CVUU needs volunteers to mow the grass this summer. This would be a great way to get out of the house and help out the CVUU at the same time! Volunteers need to be 18 or older (or supervised by an adult), and we have both a riding mower and a walk behind mower in the shed.

To volunteer, get in touch with me by email, and I'll send you the available dates. If you haven't previously volunteered to mow, I'll get you in touch with an experienced volunteer who can show you the ropes.

Kat Beane Hanson, Office Administrator  
<administrator@cedarvalleyuu.org>



## JUNE DEADLINES

### FOR THE CALENDAR AND NUUSLETTER

These are *such unprecedented times* that this year we will have a separate **July** newsletter! The calendar deadline for this issue will be Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (send info to the office), and the newsletter deadline will be Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (send articles to me). This information can also be found in bold type on the calendar page of this newsletter. If you are unsure as to whether Kat or I need your information, just send it to both of us and we'll sort it out.

*If you'd rather choose the Wednesday deadline* for turning in all things newsletter and calendar related to us, we're fine with that! Keep in mind that earlier is always preferred!

Please mark your calendars now for **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup>**—the calendar and newsletter deadlines for the **July** issue.

Many thanks to those who regularly meet the deadlines so we can promptly keep the membership well-informed!

Gerry Chamberlin, Editor  
<newsletter@cedarvalleyuu.org>

The *Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association*, the major unifying religious statement of the denomination today, was adopted at General Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia on June 19, 1985. This statement grew out of an earlier one adopted in 1961, but affirmed women, other religious traditions, and the environment.



## SECOND ANNUAL CVUU CAMPOUT

*Hickory Hills - August 28 - 30<sup>th</sup>*

Mark your calendars! We have once again reserved the group campsite at Hickory Hills Park near LaPorte City for Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Last year, a good time was had by the more than fifty people who participated for some or all of the weekend, despite rain and a few logistical surprises. Who knew there were no trash cans at the site, and no grills to cover the fire pits? This year, we'll know, and be prepared.

This event is free for anyone who comes out during the daytime only. For campers, the fee per tent or RV is \$13/night without electric hookup, or \$18/night with electricity. It is not necessary to reserve or pay for camping space in advance. If you don't have a tent, other CVUU members can lend you one, and if the camping fee is an obstacle, we have members willing to pitch in to defray others' costs.



As the date approaches, look for more information and schedules of specific activities, meals, etc.

As of this writing (in mid-May), Hickory Hills Park will be open for camping. We will be considering what we need to do in order to stay safely at the site. Remember that we are still a community, and we will be together again in the future.



## LABYRINTH SMALL GROUP

The Labyrinth Small Group is open to anyone who cares to learn more about the meaning and use of labyrinths. Although the weather is finally better, we still have the restrictions of practicing safe togetherness during this time of the Covid virus. There will be an outdoor labyrinth gathering in the parking lot of the CVUU (safe distancing/using masks) to discuss the possibility of a labyrinth safe for walking in this time of Covid.

If you are interested in being part of this discussion, contact *Floralyn Groff* to get on the e-mail list that will be sent out to confirm date and details of the gathering.

Refer to last month's newsletter (May) to see locations of labyrinths in the Cedar Valley area that you can walk on your own or with a small group of masked friends.

May you walk in Peace.

Namaste, *Floralyn*

*Robert La Follette*, a Progressive candidate in 1924 for the U.S. presidency, was a Universalist. He died on June 18, 1925 at the age of seventy.



### **LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY**

Donations are always needed for our free food pantry. Please consider buying a few items for our little free food pantry next time you are grocery shopping. You can also write a check to the CVUU and put “food pantry” in the notation line.

Please don’t donate bagged items such as pasta, beans or rice, glass bottled items, or cleaning products. Make sure expiration dates are still good for any food items being left. Items that go fast are paper products, snack foods and easy to prepare items. Many of our customers are kids coming home from school (and hungry). The storage locker for storing items is in the Fellowship Hall on the wall by Pastor Emma’s office. Please put your donations there rather than directly in the outside pantry.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us make the food pantry a success!

~Mica Lorenz



### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

“As the World (pandemic) Turns”. . .and the weeks in isolation tick upward, the CVUU Congregational Life Team is having to accept that in-person “normalcy” of connection looks a ways off. We, like you, miss being together and hugging our church friends. So, we’ve been exploring how to adapt our practices to help us stay connected as well as be sure we’re welcoming and integrating newer attendees in a safe and effective way. That’s taking a lot of creativity on everyone’s part!

We’ve noticed our members and friends doing lots of things that are helping with this aspiration. Lots of hand-written cards are floating through the mail, people are making a few physically-distanced visits and, of course, MANY a Zoom meeting/happy hour is taking place. These are no small gestures and each of us deeply appreciates being the recipient of someone reaching out. It definitely helps fill the gap between us during this strange time!

One of the ideas we’ve implemented is encouraging members/friends who haven’t shown up at Zoom Sunday services by contacting them and letting them know they are missed. We’ve also been grateful for members who have asked for contact information and sent cards to follow-up when “visitors” introduce themselves and/or share something heartfelt. This is just the kind of Beloved Community we are. . .using our increased isolation time to reach out to others.

So, consider looking through your church Directory and see if there’s a person or a family you’ve missed and let them know we hope they’ll join us on Zoom, or at whatever safe gatherings we’ll eventually have. And speaking of gatherings, look elsewhere in this newsletter for an update on our August campout. . .crossing our fingers that we’ll be able to see each other there.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay well and stay well-connected!

Juanita Williams

## **UNDER SOCIAL ACTION’S UMBRELLA HARD WON. NOT DONE.**

In February’s newsletter—the first issue for this column—I mentioned some of the paths we might take along this journey in the history of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. I wrote that at some point, I wanted to include UU ties to the movement. This time we will do just that. As I tried to single out a name for this month’s focus, I was more than elated to be reminded of *Dr. Effie McCollum Jones*, with a connection to our early Universalist beginnings in Waterloo!



Elizabeth “Effie” McCollum was born on a farm three miles from Redfield, Kansas (near Ft. Scott) on March 29, 1869. She was the daughter of Cornelius A. McCollum, a native of Ohio, and Martha Kidwell McCollum, of Tennessee. She received her earliest schooling in the district schools of Kansas, later attending a training school in Ft. Scott. In 1888 she entered Lombard College, pursuing studies in the college department and in Ryder Divinity school at the same time, from which she received the degree B.D. in 1892 and D.D. in 1907. She was the minister in Waterloo, Iowa and lectured widely for women’s suffrage, and about physical and mental health. She died July 6, 1952 in Webster City, Iowa.

Effie McCollum taught school for four years before attending Lombard College. She graduated in 1892 and married one of her classmates, Ben Wallace Jones. They were ordained together to



the ministry of the Universalist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Two years later, she and her husband became co-pastors of First Universalist Church in Barre, Vermont—one of the oldest and strongest churches in Vermont. It was here Mr. Jones died on January 19, 1898, during an epidemic of typhoid fever, throughout which he had aided many people, only to fall victim himself.

Effie continued on as the sole pastor for six more years. In 1904, she was called again to the church in Waterloo where she was the pastor until 1916. In 1910 she was invited to address the International Congress of Religious Liberals in Berlin, Germany, a convention of outstanding religious leaders from all parts of the world.

She worked as an acting pastor in Webster City from 1917-1919 and returned there in 1925 after six years of travel and lecturing. She was the minister in Webster City until 1946 and lived there until her death. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Webster City, Iowa.

According to *Dorothy Grant’s* book covering the history of our church, *A 131-Year Old History*, under Effie’s guidance the Waterloo membership grew more rapidly than at any other time, she developed a young people’s group of thirty members, and a Sunday School with an average attendance of ninety! She also played a large part in civic affairs. Upon leaving Waterloo, she became the national Field Director for the Woman’s Suffrage Association. Dorothy’s book is such a wonderful reference of our history!

Many celebratory plans around the state for this year were canceled or will be rescheduled due to COVID-19, so keep checking this online resource from an Iowa perspective for the latest in suffrage info: <<https://19th-amendment-centennial.org/>>.

So many important people with the suffrage movement! Here is a quote for you to ponder; do you know who said it? “These are sad times for the whole world, grown unexpectedly sadder by the sudden and sweeping epidemic of influenza.”

Until next time. . .

Gerry Chamberlin, Editor