Faith Practices for Lent by Laura Crow

Lent is a time for thinking about the practical ways we nurture our faith. This season, we have structured our Sunday preaching and created a series of Wednesday evening sessions to explore a variety of Faith Practices. We would love to hear how you find ways to use this season for your own spiritual nurture and growth. **ALL activities are accessible for adults and children of ALL ages.**

March 4 & 25—Walking Meditation, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
There will be two opportunities to walk the Labyrinth in Friendship Hall. During Lent. It is a time that provides for quiet reflection and calm, finding a pace that is right for you. We invite you to set aside 20 minutes to quietly walk this spiritual path amidst candlelight and soft music. A member of the Labyrinth Team will be there to explain how to enter into this simple walking meditation.

March 11—No program this week. Use the Lenten devotional booklet, find a friend or family member, and share a favorite poem, reflection, or story of Lent.

March 18—Multisensory Meditations, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Jesus’ early disciples were called people of “the way.” Our life of faith calls us to ways of living, being, and interacting with the world, with people, with creation. Drop in between 5:30-7:30 and explore a variety of hands-on prayer stations and reflect on the life that Jesus calls us to as his followers in our world today.

April 1—Naam Yoga Practice, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Naam Yoga uses breath, movement and sound power to bring one a sense of joy, heal, and open one’s heart. Naam combines the Eastern yogic practices with Western science and the laws of nature to strengthen the nervous system and mind for optimal health, encouraging a higher form of mental, physical and spiritual self-awareness and personal development. **All are welcome regardless of yoga experience or fitness level.** Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat and cushion to sit on if you have them. A limited number of mats and cushions will be available to use. You can easily participate while seated in a chair. This session is free and will be taught by Jane Mirshak, International Naam Yoga Teacher Trainer and Naam Yoga Instructor. She is also a part of the therapeutic massage and bodywork team at Why Knot? Massage and Bodywork in Middleton. See [www.whyknotmassage.biz](http://www.whyknotmassage.biz)

April 8—Exploring the Art of Illuminations as a Way of Entering Scripture Texts, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Dr. D. Jill Kirby, Religious Education Professor at Edgewood College, will bring the college’s St. John’s Bible to ORUCC and talk about the art of illuminations and give participants a chance to see and touch and find connections between the art and the texts. Learn more about the St. John’s Bible at [www.saintjohnsbible.org](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday**—April 5, 10:00 am, Tammy Martens preaching, with music by ORUCC choir

**Good Friday**—April 10, 7:00 pm, with music by the Madison Mennonite Church

**Easter Sunrise**—April 12, 6:15 am Ken Pennings preaching, with breakfast after

**Easter Morning**—April 12, 10:00 am Laura Crow preaching, with Communion and music by the Handbell Choir
“Ten Things for Parents to Consider About Religious Education & Spiritual Formation”

from Tammy Martens

Presbyterian Pastor Rebecca Kirkpatrick shares these ideas in her blog “Bread, Not Stones.” I’d love to hear feedback from parents of any age!

1. **YOU, not the church, are the primary religious educator for your children.** Yes, the church serves as a resource for teaching your child about the Bible, worship, theology, and even religious history. But even if a child never misses a week of Sunday school, there is never enough time in that once a week class to reinforce and build upon the lessons of scripture and faith that children have the potential to learn.

2. **It is okay not to know the answers to your children’s questions.** The very fact that they are asking questions which you struggle to answer shows that they are working through their own faith and understanding of the Bible. No one knows the answer to every question. This is an important lesson that we can teach children as we show them how to find the answers to their, and our, questions about faith and the Bible. The church can serve as a resource to help you answer your children’s questions.

3. **You are responsible for building an adult religious life outside of your children.** Many parents choose to return to the church and to religious practices once they have children of their own. Most often, then, their faith life and practice revolve around the religious upbringing of their children. As an adult, though, there is a level of nurture and spiritual development that you yourself can benefit from. Without taking that next step in building their own faith, adults can very easily find their lives void of a mature faith life once their children are grown.

4. **Your children sitting near me in the pew and making noise are NOT bothering me.** While I am a big fan of teaching children to respect the time and space of worship, the normal noises that children make in worship are not distracting. They are signs of a church that is alive. While I can totally relate to being distracted by one’s own child in worship, I would remind you that they will only be children for a season. If you want a teenager who will sit next to you in worship and an adult child who will sit next to you in worship, for a few years you will need to have a child sitting next to you in worship.

5. **Share the story of your family’s faith with your children.** Talk to your children about the church in which you were raised. If you and your spouse came from different traditions, talk with them about that. If their grandparents are part of a different kind of church or religion, help your child understand the differences so that they can value the differences. If you have adult siblings who practice faith differently, don’t pretend that you are all the same. Certainly don’t belittle or criticize other traditions in your family, but help your children learn how we can value traditions that are not our own.

6. **Think very carefully and intentionally about the decisions you make for your children and family that may keep them from regular religious practice.** It is too simple to try to blame the trend of extracurricular activities held on Sundays on athletics. There is a myriad of decisions that families today have to make that did not face us even a generation ago, because the Christian community no longer dictates the way the rest of the culture operates. Today, to identify and live as a practicing Christian often means that we have to go against the tide of the culture in which we are raising our children. Consider how having that conversation with your child will help them understand the importance of faith to your life as a family, even though it may mean that they have to give up some other opportunities.

7. **Don’t be so afraid of the elements within the Christian tradition that you disagree with that you neglect to teach them how to value the rest of the tradition.** If you as a parent are concerned about the way the church treats women, excludes groups of people, aligns itself too closely with certain political parties... then raise children to understand Christian faith in a different way. Find a Christian tradition that values the things that you value, knowing that the Church is always changing and growing. Help raise children who can be a part of that change and growth.

8. **All religious resources (books, videos, curriculum, radio, etc.) are not made equally.** Just because something is religious and is illustrated for a child does not mean that it is going to teach your child the things that you would teach them. This is true no matter what end of the religious spectrum you are on. You would never intentionally give your child a math, science or history book that has mistakes or misrepresentations in it. Be as mindful of the religious resources you give them as well.

9. **Being a part of a Christian (or any faith community) is about more than providing religious education for your children – it is how we teach them to value community.** For a while, my son was concerned that classmates of his did not go to church, and I could tell that it upset him. Knowing that he was most likely not worried about their immortal souls I asked him what he thought they were missing by not going to church. He summed it up pretty well – the family. Community is really the first and most sustaining thing that children identify with church, and it shapes their faith in ways that simply taking a class or reading a book cannot.

10. **Statistically you get what you are.** I have written about this before as well, but it bears repeating. While we all have anecdotal evidence of people discovering or deepening faith significantly in adulthood, sociological studies of youth have shown that children rarely surpass the faith life and spirituality of their parents. They will come to value what you have taught them to value through not just your words but your actions. They will read the Bible if you are reading it with them. They will give of their talents and gifts to the church if they have seen you do that as well. You, as their parent, are in the position of greatest influence to raise a child who will become a faithful and spiritually mature adult.
What’s So Special about Lent & Easter by Ken Pennings

I love the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter for many reasons. High on my list is my partner John’s singing of morning and evening prayers celebrating Jesus’ inauguration of God’s reign of justice and peace on earth. I’ve learned from John that in church history, Lent was originally a time for preparing candidates for their baptisms at Easter. Those who were already baptized rehearsed with these candidates the counter-cultural values and practices of the kingdom of God—simplicity, fasting, & almsgiving rather than selfishness, hoarding and greed.

Historically, the church identified the forty days of Lent with Moses, Elijah and Jesus who fasted in the wilderness for forty days. On our Lenten journey with Jesus, we too enter the desert to learn to live with less, and to depend more completely on God. In our home, John and I empty the shelves and walls during Lent to remind ourselves to live more simply so that others may simply live.

In our church, I truly love our practices of creating a Lenten devotional and Lenten Home Groups, which, for us, represent a slowing of the pace, taking time for things that really matter. During this holy season, I truly love our labyrinth walks, and our church services on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. In particular, the Easter sunrise service on the lawn is incredibly moving to me because of the beauty of the dawn, the placing of our “palms of regret” on the fire pit, the lighting of “the Christ candle” from the burning palms, and the renewal of our baptisms with water. So much beautiful symbolism in these rituals!

Speaking of Easter, I have serious questions about a literal bodily resurrection in history. But I believe that the resurrection narratives reveal to us just how important Jesus was in the experience of his early followers.

There was something about Jesus of Nazareth that convinced his followers that love conquers fear, and life conquers death. Years after his crucifixion, his followers began telling stories about him that included his resurrection and appearances to communicate in no uncertain terms that for them, Jesus was still very much alive. And he was alive in them, in a similar fashion that Oscar Romero is still alive in the Salvadoran people, Anne Frank is still alive in the Jewish people, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is still alive in his students. All of the martyrs of the faith live on in each one of us!

“Resurrection” is the language the Church uses to describe how life and love are stronger than violence and death. Our “Easter-faith” affirms that Jesus is resurrected in us every time we overcome the power of fear and death through our life-giving deeds of love, mercy and justice.

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Mar 22 Gene Dyar
Mar 29 Joyce Dingman

Sign up ON-LINE!
Contact Ken Pennings, Tammy Martens or Laura Crow with any questions.

[https://www.orucc.org/volunteer/](https://www.orucc.org/volunteer/)
Prayers of Joy

- For Care of Creation’s showing of the “must-see” documentary “The Human Element.”
- For the commitment and faithfulness of our pastoral search committee.
- For the good recovery of those who have recently been hospitalized: Karen Falkner, Loretta McClure, and Jeanne Garnett.
- For Ruthanne Landsness who recently completed her volunteer work at a law clinic in Mexico helping people who are hoping to immigrate to the US and will soon be returning to Casa Alitas in Arizona.
- For all the volunteers who helped to make our PartyGras Celebration a success.
- For the Ash Wednesday Service and our friends from the Madison Mennonite Community who joined us.
- For the Lenten “Big Read” of The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez, by Aaron Babrow-Strain.
- For all who have stepped up to serve on our Ministries, Mission Teams and the Leadership Team.
- For Jeanne Moberly and her work assembling our Lenten Devotional booklet

Prayers of Concern

- For Char Klossner who has taken a turn for the worse and is receiving Hospice Care at home.
- For Charlene Gallagher who was hospitalized last week for respiratory issues.
- For Palmer Bell who is being treated for adult onset normal pressure hydrocephalus.
- For Helene Nelson’s brother John who is hospitalized with complications from pneumonia.
- For Todd Swanson and his parents Frank and Betty Swanson on the loss of their brother/son after suffering a heart attack in February
- For all suffering from colds, the flu, and coughs that seem to linger forever.
- For the life and ministry of Pastor Kathryn Rust who died February 13.
- For Beth Knight, widow of Roger Knight, former pastor of ORUCC, who is facing serious health setbacks. If you remember Roger and Beth and would like to send a card, you may send it to Beth Knight, Uplands Village Wellness Center, 55 W. Lake Rd., Pleasant Hill, TN 38578.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

We will be decorating our sanctuary with many different kinds of flowers again this year. We invite you to donate a plant(s) in honor or memory of a loved one.

Name:________________________________________

# of plants_____at $15 each    Total enclosed________

In Honor of:____________________________________

In Memory of:____________________________________

Check one:

_____I will collect my plant(s) after worship on Easter Sunday.
_____My plant(s) may be given away

Please return form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 22
Lenten Discussion Groups—Dane Sanctuary Coalition BIG READ

We have four opportunities to gather and discuss *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*, by Aaron Bobrow-Strain, the Dane Sanctuary Coalition BIG READ. You can sign up in the Crossroads or online—see instructions for online sign up in the weekly bulletins and links to SignUp Genius in the weekly E-News.

- **Sunday Discussion Group** will meet on March 1, March 15, and March 29, at 9 am, in the Lemuel Haynes Music Room at ORUCC.
- **Monday Home Group** will meet on March 2, March 16, and March 30, 6:30-8 pm at the home of Pam Oliver and John Lemke.
- **Tuesday Home Group** will meet on March 3, March 17, and March 31, 6:30-8 pm at the home of Sally & Dave Allen.
- **Wednesday Home Group** will meet on March 4, March 18, and April 1, 6:30-8 pm, at the home of Karen & Kurt Jaehnig.

*We created the Sunday morning group especially with our parents of school aged children in mind. While the children attend Sunday School, parents can attend this discussion group. But even if you are not a parent, you are welcome to attend!

“The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez” manages to seamlessly weave together the very personal true story of an undocumented Mexican-American woman while also providing readers a sense of how her many misfortunes are interconnected with U.S.’s border policies over the past 30 years...A beautiful introduction to anyone interested in the subject of immigration”—San Diego City Beat.

This is an ecumenical “Big Read,” so various other congregations in Dane County will be reading and discussing the book around the same time. **All are invited to a presentation by the author, Aaron Babrow-Strain, on May 14, 7-9 pm. At the Madison Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Madison Room.**

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March Clothing Drive for People on the Border—March 8-22

In the past year, over 60,000 people who have presented themselves for asylum at the U.S. border have been returned to Mexico to await court hearings. Many wait 4-5 months for their court hearing date, hearings that (if they occur) may last 5-10 minutes after which about 95% of them are summarily dismissed for not having presented a "credible fear" for having fled their homes. While they wait for their court hearing or, for many, while they remain in Mexico rather than returning to the violence in their home countries, they live in deplorable conditions along the border, no money, no food, no roof over their heads.

We are in a position to provide clothing for these people. Through an arrangement with Casa Alitas, the shelter in Tucson, we can collect clothing that will be delivered to them across the border. **Our clothing drive in October 2019 was for children. This time we'll focus on adults.** From March 8 to March 22, please bring T-shirts, pants, tennies, shirts, sweaters, all those pieces of clothing that you know won't fit any more, to the designated spot in Friendship Hall. Our young people will sort and prep the clothing for shipping to Tucson.

For more information about the drive, contact Jill Westberg or Rachel Hoard (ORUCC) or Mark Bauman (MMEN). For more information about what's happening at the border, talk with Ruthanne Landsness (ORUCC). Ruthanne recently returned from working directly with these people in February.

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Dane Sanctuary Coalition Volunteer Appreciation Celebration - March 22

The Dane Sanctuary Coalition invites ALL volunteers to a THANK YOU celebration on Sunday March 22, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at ORUCC.

There will be food, activities, and a chance to share stories other volunteers about the ways in which our experience hosting the asylum family from Honduras has opened our hearts and minds to the needs of our immigrant neighbors.

Please make plans to attend and hear the heartfelt THANK YOU from our Coalition partners.
March Compassion Offering:

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long term recovery. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response and recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing puts you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

You can find out more about OGHS at https://www.ucc.org/oghs.

Please write “compassion” or “OGHS” on the memo line of your check so that we can acknowledge the contribution on your giving statement.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Communications Coordinator

—10 hours/week

ORUCC is looking for a Communications Coordinator to manage our website and social media presence and coordinate the production of our monthly Newsletter. If you know someone who is experienced with WordPress and Microsoft Office Suite and would like a GREAT part-time job, please share our job announcement.

You can find the complete job description on our website (www.orucc.org) and as a link on the E-News.

Deadline for applications is March 14.

Order “Secrets From the Garden” Greeting Cards On-Line

Secrets from the Garden greeting cards, often found on the table in the Crossroads, are going to hibernate for awhile.

If you want cards in the meantime, you can view them at dianneandpaul.net. Simply view the cards, make your selection, and then email your order to dianne@dianneandpaul.net.

Thank you everybody for your support of this important ministry to our needy neighbors in times of disaster. Sales this year were over $1700. Dianne Stevens.

2020 Monthly Compassion Offering Summary

January—David’s Educational Opportunity Fund: $2441.11
February—Dane County Foster Care Youth Retreat: $2238.00
March—One Great Hour of Sharing: TBD

Coffee Fund

Many of us enjoy a good cup of Fair Trade coffee after worship on Sunday mornings. ALL donations to the coffee fund are greatly appreciated!
**Women’s Book Group—March 5**

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, March 5 from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Alfred Swan Room. We’ll discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Born in 1901, Hurston left home at the age of 17 and ultimately became one of the most prolific writers in the Harlem Renaissance. According to Saturday Review, this novel “belongs in the category ... of enduring American literature.” Protagonist Janie Crawford sets out to be her own person -- no mean feat for a black woman in the '30s. Janie’s quest for identity takes her through three marriages and into a journey back to her roots.

On April 2 we’ll discuss *A Good American Family* by David Maraniss. The library system’s LINKcat states: “In a riveting book with powerful resonance today, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss captures the pervasive fear and paranoia that gripped America during the Red Scare of the 1950s through the chilling yet affirming story of his family’s ordeal, from blacklisting to vindication.”

If you plan to attend the March meeting, please let Jan Christian know (jlchrist@wisc.edu or 827-0500).

**Movie Group—March 20**

All are welcome to gather for lively discussions about current films and to enjoy a tasty dessert. We will focus on the movie “Just Mercy” for our March 20th meeting—reminder that we have arranged a private showing for ORUCC friends and guests on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00am. Other films you may wish to discuss may also be offered.

Please RSVP Steve Sheets: im1042@tds.net.

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**Weekly Meditation Group**

**Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 am, for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys.** Contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or 47_5698@msn.com or Helene Nelson 259-2546 or helenemargret@gmail.com with questions

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**Music Rehearsal Schedule**

**ORUCC Adult Choir:** Rehearsals 7:00pm—8:30pm Wednesdays. Contact Bruce Gladstone or Vicki Nonn.

**Handbell Choir:** Rehearsals 7:00pm—8:15pm Mondays. Contact Bethany Schulz.

**TruFunction Youth Band:** Rehearsals 11:00am—1:00pm Sundays. Contact Rob Martens.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord! All are invited to join!*
August Camp-out at Governor Dodge State Park:

Swimming, hiking, kayaking....or just sitting around the campfire all day and talking with friends. Care of Creation’s summer campout is a great way to be outdoors with friends. We also tend to eat a lot, particularly on Saturday night when we share a meal.

So please make your reservations soon. (choice sites fill up quickly.) The dates are August 14-16th at Governor Dodge State Park in the Cox Hollow campground. My family will be at site 65. All the nearby campsites are shaded; 67 and 68 is a double campsite—perfect for two or three families. Contact Jill Westberg, with any questions and/or to let her know you will be going: jillwestberg@gmail.com

Family Game Night—March 6

Family Game Night meets on Friday, 6-8pm! Meet in the Friendship Hall for fun games, fellowship, and food.

FAQs: Do I have to have kids to attend? No! Everyone is welcome.

What kind of games do you play? Strategy games, word games, cards, legos, party games. No experience necessary. We’ll teach each other our favorite games.

Is there food? Yes, usually everyone brings something simple to share. To sign up to bring a main dish, contact Rachael Lancor.

When do you meet? First Fridays of the month. Questions? Contact Rachael Lancor (rachael.anderman@gmail.com)

Women’s (and Men’s!) Breakfast—March 6 @ Denny’s

The Breakfast Groups—women and men—will meet Friday, March 6 at 8:30 at Denny’s, 433 S. Gammon Road, Madison.

All are welcome, please join us for good food and casual conversation on many topics.

Men’s Group—March 9 & 23

The ORUCC Men’s Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, from 7:15pm-8:45pm in the Romero Room Contact John Lemke at jlemke1@charter.net or 829-3692 if you are interested in joining this group.

Senior Exercise Class:
The senior exercise class will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on March 3. Feel free to drop in to work on strength and balance and share stories and laughs. There will not be classes on March 17 and 19, but we should continue until it is warm enough to garden! Cost is donation to Heart Room. Contact Joyce Pohl with questions (206-5697 or japohl@gmail.com)

Lectionary Bible Study:

There will be NO Lectionary Bible Study - March 2 & 9.

We are going OFF-Lectionary for Lent, so our lunchtime discussion will focus on the selected texts and faith practices for the upcoming week.

Laura Crow will be on vacation Feb 28-Mar 14, so we will resume our normal Mondays @ noon gatherings on March 16, . All are invited to bring your lunch and join the discussion of sacred text and practice. All are welcome—feel free to bring your lunch—come as you are able! Contact Laura Crow at pastorlaura@oruucc.org.
Recurring Events

Summer Camp Registration OPEN
Registration for summer camps at Moon Beach, Pilgrim Center, and Cedar Valley are OPEN. There are camps for EVERYONE! Visit https://ucci.org for information on camps and to register. Scholarships are available.

UNPACKED: Refugee Baggage: This multimedia exhibit that seeks to humanize the word “refugee” features the sculptures of Mohamad Hafez, a Syrian-born, Connecticut-based artist and architect who re-creates war-torn domestic interiors within suitcases. Each piece is based on interviews with refugees who were forced to leave their homes in countries ranging from Syria and Afghanistan, to the Democratic Republic of Congo, and who now reside in the United States. As visitors view Hafez’s sculptures, they can both hear and read these recorded interviews, which were collected by Iraqi-born Wesleyan University student, writer, and speaker, Ahmed Badr. Included in the series are Hafez and Badr’s own stories, which detail Hafez’s inability to return to Syria, and the bomb that entered Badr’s family home.

A variety of programs will be held in conjunction with the exhibition’s sponsoring partner, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Middle East Studies Program. A conference on the topic of refugees in and from the Middle East will take place on March 6 and 7, 2020, during which Hafez will address UNPACKED.

UNPACKED: Refugee Baggage will be on view in the Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery from February 5 — March 15, 2020. For information, visit: https://sohe.wisc.edu/events/unpacked-refugee-baggage/

Annual Meeting of the Southwest Wisconsin Association of the UCC—May 2
Do you ever wonder about leadership in the church and in the world? The SW Association Annual Meeting will feature keynote speaker Jenni Catron, founder and CEO of The 4Sight Group, and offer a presentation on leaning into the power of God’s love to lead with your whole self for the good of others.

There will also be a variety of workshops including: Churches in Transition, Innovation in Social Justice, and Accessibility & Inclusion (this one co-lead by Laura Crow and Jeff Rabe from First Cong, Madison)

This event will be Saturday, May 2, 9:30am-3:15pm at Plymouth Congregational UCC, 115 W. Merrimac St., Dodgeville, WI.

Cost is $15/person and includes lunch. Register on-line at https://www.wcucc.org/associations/southwest-association/resources-2/annual-meeting/. Questions? Please contact Laura Crow.

See the Movie on the BIG SCREEN!
Private Showing of “Just Mercy”—March 7
The ORUCC Racial Justice Initiative has made arrangements with Marcus Point Cinema (7825 Big Sky Drive, Madison) for a private showing of the Bryan Stevenson film “Just Mercy” at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 7. Doors open at 9:30. You must have a ticket to enter. You can get your ticket on Sunday, March 1 before or after worship. A “free will donation” is requested. Friends of ORUCC may attend also, so pick up and extra ticket and share with a friend!

For details contact Steve Sheets: im1042@tds.net

Madison Baha’i Assembly 4th Sunday Presentations:
Every 4th Sunday, the Madison Baha’i Assembly hosts Pancake, Prayers, and Presentations on a topic of general religious, spiritual, or interfaith interest. Breakfast opens at 9:00am. The Baha’i Assembly meets at 324 W. Lakeside St., Madison.

• March 22 presenter will be a family from the Madison Friends Meeting (Quaker Church) who traveled to Japan on a peace mission. This will be of interest to young and old alike.
• April 26 presenter will be representatives from the Wisconsin Interfaith Peace Working Group - on the Franciscan practice of Non-violence

Questions - or to assist or propose a presenter? Please email Wade Fransson - Wade@SOOPLLC.com or 213-952-9557.
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