

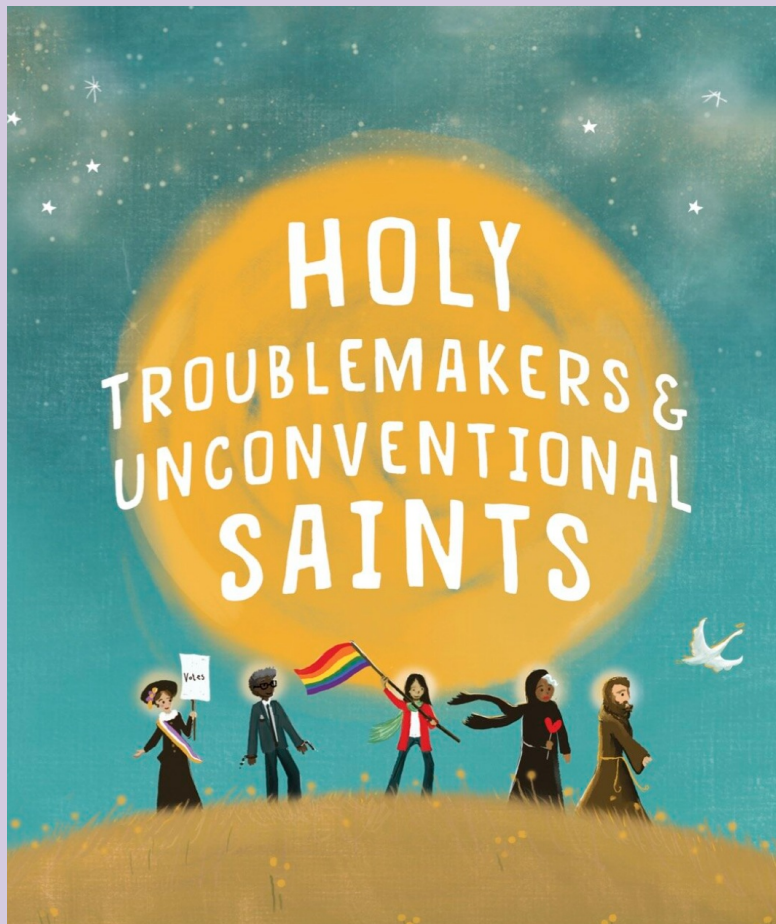
*See below for Tidings and Sunday Worship links.*

# The Bell

**For May 2021**

**(This will be the last Bell until Fall.)**

*Pastor Chelsea will be on vacation/maternity leave from May 17-Sept. 15. For summer activities, please contact Robb Carlson at [listeningproject@holladayucc.org](mailto:listeningproject@holladayucc.org) after June 1.*



## **"Love for God" is Easy to See in the Saints**

*Daneen Akers Profiles Holy People from Many Religions*

In Sunday School, we are finishing our year with a springtime unit about how to love God. The Bible says to "Love Your God" with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. But how do we love God?

Sometimes the easiest way to learn how to love God is to look at the lives of other people who have done it. Many religions call these people "saints" because they loved God in really big ways, using their emotions, their spirits, their brains, and their bodies. Some saints are dead and others are alive right now. Saints aren't perfect, but instead of loving God perfectly, they each found their own best way of giving love and gratitude back to their creator.

We will be meeting some of these saints in worship this month! Worship services can be found [here](#).

## ***Did You Know?***



*Did you hear our prelude last Sunday, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" from our church hymnal? Known as The Black National Anthem, this powerful song was written by two African-American leaders, James Weldon Johnson and his brother J. Rosamond Johnson, for the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. It was originally performed by children at its premiere in Jacksonville, Florida. James was a respected poet who eventually went on to become one of the founders of the NAACP, and Rosamond had later success as a composer of music for Broadway! Watch the video above to learn more about this hymn's deep significance for Black Americans.*



Let's Talk... Kids

*Meet Robb*



Let's Talk... Adults

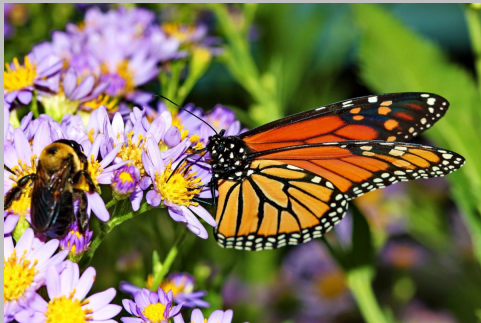
*We're Listening*

We want to introduce you to a new person who will be leading fun activities at church over the summer. Robb Carlson is moving to Utah soon to live with his fiancée, our friend Sara Schneider. Robb studied religion in college in Nebraska and Colorado. He has been a minister at several UCC churches for children and youth, and our youth know him from Western Regional Youth Event. Robb is excited to join our church and looking forward to a busy summer! He and Sara lead summer camp at La Foret. He is also studying ethics and justice at a seminary, which is where pastors are trained. Robb loves the great outdoors and enjoys leading groups to camp, hike, and backpack. He might even take you out for a match of Frisbee Golf!

Last month, you were introduced to a new project brought to you by the Faith Formation Team called the Listening Project, which will start this June and run through September. The project will be led by a wonderful children's minister who is temporarily joining our staff for the summer, Robb Carlson. We know many things have changed at church and in your lives in the last year. We want to meet with you over the summer for a time of listening to your needs, concerns, hopes and dreams. This will help us plan a wonderful new year of Sunday School and Youth Group when the church is reopened this fall! Robb would like you to know that he is safely vaccinated. Stay tuned for a phone call or email in June, or reach him by email at [listeningproject@holladayucc.org](mailto:listeningproject@holladayucc.org)

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## **Intergenerational Church Cleanup** ***Sunday, May 30th at 11:30 a.m.***



### **Plant a Monarch Garden**

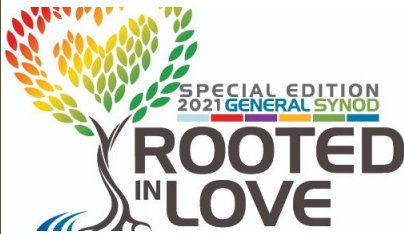
Sunday School and Youth Group members planted milkweed seeds this spring to feed the endangered Western Monarch Butterfly at our church. Please come help us plant our milkweed and other pollinator-friendly native flowers, to complete our new Church Monarch Way Station. Bring masks, work gloves and water bottles; tools will be provided. Please RSVP to Becky Burrage at [keithbecky@gmail.com](mailto:keithbecky@gmail.com).



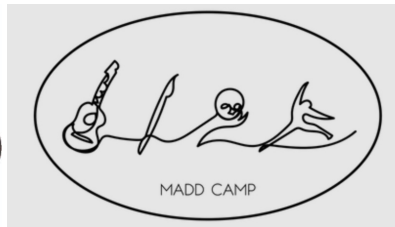
### **Groom our Grounds**

It's time for a springtime "sprucing-up" of our church yard! Come for a tour of our trees and plants, then help with weeding and picking up trash and organic debris. Please bring work gloves and a water bottle; no special skills needed. If you have questions, contact Carl Adams at [cadams801@gmail.com](mailto:cadams801@gmail.com). Both outdoor activities will take place after church at 11:30 on May 30th.

# Summer Travel Opportunities Three Youth Adventures Offered



**UCC Synod, July 11-18**  
General Synod online is open to all youth and young adults, and features daily online programming for different age groups. Registration is \$150. More information is [here](#).



**La Foret, July 18-24**  
There are a few spots left for youth entering grades 9-12. Families would have to drive alone to Colorado Springs, CO, for COVID-safety. Registration and more information [here](#).



**Animal Sanctuary  
Dates TBD**  
We cancelled our Youth Group Mission Trip last summer and would like to reschedule a trip to Kanab, UT. Interested? Contact Kate Palmer at [yokate@msn.com](mailto:yokate@msn.com).



## Faith Formation Calendar MAY 2021

**Sun. 5/2, 11:30 a.m. – Sunday School for Grades 3-5,  
Church Courtyard**

**Sat. 5/8, 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group for Grades 6-12,  
Church Courtyard**

**Sun. 5/9, 11:30 a.m. – Sunday School for Grades 0-2,  
Church Courtyard & Zoom**

**Sun. 5/16, 10 a.m. – Graduation and Confirmation  
Worship and Teacher Appreciation Sunday;  
11:30 a.m. – Sunday School for Grades 3-5, Church  
Courtyard**

**Sun. 5/23, 11:00 a.m. – Congregational Meeting**

**Sun. 5/30, 11:30 a.m. – Intergenerational Church  
Cleanup, Church Parking Lot**

**Mon. 5/31, 2 p.m. – Baby Shower for Chelsea, Pegasus  
and Lyra (pronounced Liar-a), signup [here](#)**