

The Quarantine Times

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A virtual chalice lighting:

In This Time of Uncertainty

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by [Amy Williams Clark](#)



We gather in this time of uncertainty, full of unknowns, as angst closes in upon us.

We light this chalice with a flame that draws us together.

With this flame, we cut through the dankness of isolation and are warmed by the fires of our interconnection.

For this moment, this radical moment, we find a certainty within the knowable bonds of love and community.

Editor's Note

The content of this special edition was either found on UUA's WorshipWeb Library, written by Carly, or pulled from the links Candy has been passing along. If there is interest, there may be a second edition. Please send any book, music, article, TV, podcast, etc. recommendations or reviews for inclusion. Or write about something you've accomplished or learned while at home.

Please share it. Lists of community resources available at this time are also appreciated. Send submissions directly to carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com

The Fellowship Has Left the Building

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by [Margaret Weis](#)

The fellowship is not a place; it is a people.

The fellowship is not only a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars.

Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that
we are here for the work of healing and of justice.

The fellowship is not walls built stone
upon stone, held together by mortar
but rather person, linked with person,
linked with person:

all ages and genders and abilities—
a community built on the foundation of
reason, faith, and love.



The fellowship is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,
but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment,
of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new
experience and radical welcome.

The fellowship is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

The fellowship is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences,
and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;
gathering, however we can, to say to the world:

welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the fellowship is us—each and every one of us — together,
a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.



Quarantine Resources

Dear Fellow NUUF members,

During the next 4 to 8 weeks of difficult times and isolation ahead of us in the Northwoods the Care Committee and the NUUF Board are offering help to members of our Fellowship. Tell us what you need. Let us lend you a helping hand (germ free) in your daily life or give you some comfort to carry on.

Please contact us by phone or email: NUUF Board and the Care Committee

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- **Voting Information:** To protect your ability to vote, apply online for an absentee ballot through April 2. The choice is yours, you can select all or select certain elections to receive absentee ballots for in 2020.

If you are NOT a registered voter, you must first REGISTER TO VOTE, which can be completed ONLINE through today March 18 IF you have the proper proof of residence and proof of identity to be scanned. To Register to Vote after March 18, you must go in person to your clerk.

Before starting the online process – if you do NOT have a driver’s license on file with your town or city clerk, Scan your driver’s license either as a PDF or .JPEG. (Or take a picture of license with cell phone and send to yourself and save in your computer for attachment when directed to do so in the process)

After scanning your license so ready to attach, begin the online application at <http://myvote.wi.gov>

It is easy to complete.

- **Articles to read, from Candy:**

- “9 Delightful Articles to Help You Get Through This Week,” from *The New York Times*: <https://nyti.ms/3a95BNk>
- “Why Soap Works,” from *The New York Times*: <https://nyti.ms/3aMr6U2>

- **Free virtual concerts and livestreams, from Candy:**

- Yahoo’s Broadway Shows to Stream: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/10-best-broadway-shows-stream-105400185.html>
- NPR’s running list: <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/17/816504058/a-list-of-live-virtual-concerts-to-watch-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown>

- **YouTube Music Picks, from Carly:**

- An overlooked bluegrass cover of “Shelter From the Storm” by Trampled by Turtles: <https://youtu.be/kYAp3AiJEy8>
- A new recording of “The Arts and the Hours” from Jean-Philippe Rameau’s opera *Les Boréades*. The recording is by pianist Vikingur

Olafsson, and is a relaxing interlude:

<https://youtu.be/qTwqBVt2Clw>

- And an essential late-60s rock instrumental, the Woodstock performance of “Soul Sacrifice” by Santana:

<https://youtu.be/AqZceAQSJvc>

- **Book Recommendations, from Carly:**

- **Fiction:**

- If you’re looking for a fiction book that’s unnervingly on-the-nose with our current events, I would recommend checking out *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel (2014). Read about it here:

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20170404-station-eleven>

- For complete and utter escapism, step into the world of two girls growing up in post-war Italy in Elena Ferrante’s Neapolitan Novels, the first of which is *My Brilliant Friend*. Read about it here:

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35036409-my-brilliant-friend>

- **Nonfiction:**

- Look no further than *The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister’s Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine* by Lindsey Fitzharris for a surprisingly relevant, nonfiction quarantine read. Read about it here:

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35036409-my-brilliant-friend>

- Now for something completely different! I just started *Notes From a Young Black Chef* by Kwame Onwuachi and Joshua David Stein, and you should too. There’s even recipes included. Read about it here:

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40645634-notes-from-a-young-black-chef?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=NIP1qZD98b&rank=1

Please submit your picks to carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com.

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Just for Fun:

Musical Instruments 1

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T	B	R	A	V	O	B	E	F	E	Z	N	R	A
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N	R	T	I	O	R	E	O	G	B	E	D	D	C
R	N	I	R	L	A	A	L	C	P	R	N	R	E
O	O	U	A	A	N	L	F	D	C	I	O	O	P
C	R	G	C	H	S	F	N	L	D	I	P	C	I
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O	H	A	R	M	O	N	I	C	A	C	E	S	A
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FLUTE
HARMONICA
RECORDER
OBOE
TROMBONE
GUITAR
VIOLA
CORNET
SAXOPHONE
BAZOOKA
ACCORDION
TRUMPET
PAN PIPE
CLARINET
BAGPIPE
ZITHER
PICCOLO
OCARINA
FIDDLE
SNARE

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/57/>

Food for thought

"If you want to heal your loneliness, you first have to learn how to heal yourself, be there for yourself, and cultivate your own garden of love, acceptance and understanding." - Thich Nhat Hanh

A virtual chalice extinguishing:

We Are One

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by [Amy Zucker Morganstern](#)

Never has it been more true than now:
We extinguish this flame,
But the sparks within us remain alight.
From each of us, in our supposed solitude,
The signals buzz and hum, sparkling through space one to the other,
Connecting us invisibly
But palpably.
We are one.
And from every window,
Our light shines.

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