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## FROM THE MINISTER

Happy New Year! Another year has come and gone – and what a year it has been. I have been reading the new book *Shelter In This Place*, edited by Meg Riley. Each prose piece is a testament to the endurance, the pain, the hope, the isolation, and the connection of these 22 months of COVID. One piece that has held me lately is *The Amulet* by Joanne Giannino:

It has been ten days since I've put on earrings

Today I put on these  
squares of Connemara marble from  
Ireland,  
dusty green with tree-bark brown veins,  
wrapped in pewter  
tied in Celtic Knots.

An amulet  
from my grandmother  
an amulet  
from all my grandparents  
who lived through  
the 1981 flu pandemic

Is there an amulet  
giving you strength today?

One of the “amulets” of my life as I “shelter in this place” has been my Unitarian Universalist faith. This liberating faith gives me hope as it reminds me to look towards our first source – experience. These years of experience has brought to the surface the injustices of our world and the potential isolation and powerlessness that comes when we are afraid. As these fears ease and science of epidemiology gives us hope and more freedom, we are able to interact



with one another more and create new ways of being with one another.

The source of experience also includes the experiences of our ancestors. As I read this poem I could see and feel those who had lived through other pandemics, other natural and human disasters, and know that their experience provides us hope for the future.

As we enter this new year, we are creating a future – one where the “new normal” will be formed. Looking back and looking forward, what has been your “amulet”? How can that amulet be part of building a future where the new normal includes more justice in this world, more listening to science, more peace, and more motivation to tackle the real and existential crisis of climate change. There is much to face in the coming years, but we have already faced much. One day we will be the ancestors who will bring hope and guidance to new generations.

I am not sure what “amulet” I will leave for those in the future, but I know it will be powerful because I have forged it with you through this community and through the past year and the year to come.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Amy



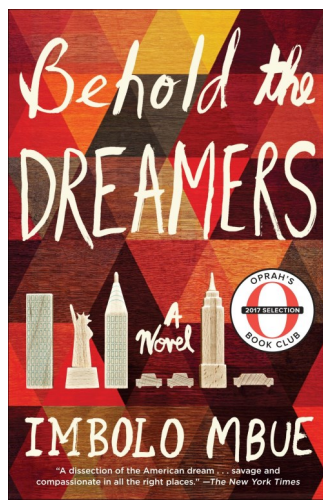
## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CEDARHURST UU

### GAME NIGHT—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:00 PM

No reservations required -- just Zoom in and have fun! [Zoom Link here](#). The ID is 874 9447 4228 and the Password is 841804.

### BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT NOON

The CUU Second Sunday Book Club will discuss “Behold the Dreamers” by Imbolo Mbue on Sunday, February 13th at 12 noon on Zoom Meeting ID: 910 3702 3644 Passcode: 499965



### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP—TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 5:30 PM

On the Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm is the Cedarhurst Caregiver Support group. Join in to share/support the folks doing this arduous task. Maybe learn some stress relief techniques or just vent—it's all safe here.

### MONDAY MUSINGS - THIRD MONDAY (JANUARY 17) AT 7:00 PM

Monday Musings meet the third Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. We gather to ponder quotes on a different topic each month. Monday, January 17th at 7 pm on Zoom, discussing quotes provided by UUA's Soul Matters

### MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Amy's Office Hours are 3-5 PM on Wednesdays. Office Hours are presently over Zoom for the first hour (3 to 4 PM) and outdoors in-person on the front porch of Cedarhurst UU for the second hour (4 to 5 PM.) Any changes will be reflected in the calendar and announcements.

You can also make appointments with Rev Amy on Tuesdays or Thursdays. She is always available for urgent pastoral matters and can be reached at [minister@cedarhurstuu.org](mailto:minister@cedarhurstuu.org).

### [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 980 9298 0551

Passcode: 121055

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

2 Jan	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
4 Jan	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
5 Jan	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
5 Jan	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
8 Jan	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
9 Jan	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
9 Jan	Sunday	Book Club	12:00 PM
12 Jan	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
12 Jan	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
12 Jan	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
16 Jan	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
16 Jan	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
16 Jan	Sunday	Valentine Cards	12:30 PM
17 Jan	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
19 Jan	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
19 Jan	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
21 Jan	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
22 Jan	Saturday	Spring Wreath Class	10:00 AM
23 Jan	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
26 Jan	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
26 Jan	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
26 Jan	Wednesday	CUU Read Aloud	7:00 PM
30 Jan	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
1 Feb	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
2 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
2 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
6 Feb	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
9 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
9 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM

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