June's theme is The Future of Sex & Gender.

June 4, 9:45 a.m. **Climate Action—Let’s Walk and Talk** – CAN! Forum

In March, the Climate Action Now! team heard a presentation about the Homegrown National Park movement, which is a collective effort of individual homeowners, property owners, land managers, farmers, and anyone with some soil to plant in...to create healthy habitat by planting native plants and removing invasive plants. Many of us are already reaping the benefits of “growing native” in our own yards—replacing turf grass with native sedges and flowers in order to provide habitat for pollinators, birds and other wildlife, managing storm water run-off, and sequestering carbon. But what’s happening at the Ethical Society, our “home away from home”? Is there a practical way for us to permanently eradicate the honeysuckle on our grounds and to begin to replace turf grass with native shrubs, trees, and perennials?

This month, join the CAN! Team and our building manager, Joe Koepke, at the 9:45 Forum on June 4 (first Sunday of the month—not our usual date) for a brief tour of the Ethical Society’s grounds and a discussion of the desirability and feasibility of transforming some of those grounds into a conservation corridor. How might we go about doing that? What would be required in terms of funding and person-power to design, install and maintain (for the long term) native gardens where we currently have turf grass? Could we develop a multiyear plan with the goal of adding the Ethical Society of St. Louis to the Homegrown National Park map? Let’s talk about it.

June 4, 11 a.m. **The Rainbow Connection: The Other Side of the Rainbow**

Platform – Randy Rafter, executive director of Black Pride St. Louis
Music: Johanna Ballou, piano

A discussion of what diversity, equity, and inclusion is, why it’s important, and what one can do to create safe spaces to support DEI.

**Randy L. Rafter** currently serves as the executive director of Black Pride St. Louis. Born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, Rafter has dedicated his work in service and advocacy. In his role as executive director of Black Pride St. Louis, Rafter has reshaped the organization from being a moment of the year, only producing its annual Black Pride Weekend event, to launching a movement campaign focusing on empowering, uplifting, and motivating people of color in the LGBTQIA/SGL community while advocating for diversity throughout the St. Louis region.

There is no First Sunday Lunch this month.
June 11, 9:45 a.m. Use Words + Say What You Mean – Forum – Interim Director
Amy L. Miller, MSW

Many of us get to adulthood without building the skills (or confidence) required for clear, proactive communication in our relationships, for a variety of reasons. Often, we either don’t say what we need to say, or we say it in a harsh way that hurts or offends without meaning to. This mini-workshop will offer empathy for the skills gaps, and practical, real-life strategies for communicating more clearly and confidently. Our community will benefit from leveling up the ways we connect with each other.

This is part one of a series that our Interim Director Amy developed from observing the common challenges folks seem to have in communication. The second Forum on 6/25 will build on this, but it’s not required that you attend both.

June 11, 11 a.m.
The Future is Fluid: A Humanistic Reorientation to Gender
Platform – Ky Miller, MSW, LCSW (they/them)
Music: Lynn O’Brien

Our time together will be set aside to intentionally explore the societal manifestations of imposed gender roles, a primary barrier to self-actualization from a variety of perspectives. We will acknowledge the confluence of powerful change agents—such as community-based activism, scientific advancement, and the preservation of human dignity—and their ability to initiate and maintain a more gentle existence for the gender-expansive community.

Ky A. Miller, MSW, LCSW (they/them) is a non-binary social worker who provides affirming and competent, attachment/trauma-informed psychotherapy to LGBTQ+ children, teens, adults, and their families throughout Illinois and Missouri. In addition to clinical practice, Ky is the director of Community Impact at Light Source (a group therapy practice) and founder of ALIGN, an education, training, and consultation program that enhances providers’ competencies in serving LGBTQ+ clients. Ky’s social activism regarding the rights and humanity of the LGBTQ+ community spans nearly three decades. Committed to enhancing the well-being of people who belong to traditionally marginalized communities, Ky consistently participates in policy change efforts at the local and state levels to ensure gender-expansive individuals experience inclusion and celebration across the lifespan. In 2018, Ky founded the Coalition for the Advancement of Ethical Practices, which focuses on creating policies to protect youth from sexual orientation/gender identity change efforts (or “conversion therapy”).

June 18, 9:45 a.m. The Head, The Heart, and The Humanist Way – Forum – Kyle Nienhaus

Join member and philosopher Kyle Nienhaus as he continues his discussion series on Humanist spirituality and why it is not to be dismissed.
June 18, 11 a.m. **Amplifying Black Voices**  
Platform – Leader Intern Louise Jett, M.Ed.  
Music: C. Jay Conrod

Under Ethical Culture Founder Felix Adler’s leadership, the voices of prominent civil rights leaders were amplified within our congregations. People of color were given space within Ethical Culture to share ideas and advocate for equality. In honor of Juneteenth, we will discuss the connections between our movement and Black history.

A lifelong learner, Louise Jett is an educator at heart. She loves to share knowledge. As creative director, she collects and publishes Ethical Society stories and news to spread awareness of our incredible community. She also creates slides and other graphics to keep people informed. Louise is an Ethical Humanist and American Ethical Union leader-in-training. She is dedicated to growing the Ethical Culture movement and helping others cultivate meaning in their lives. She has joined us in a new role this summer as leader intern. She also works full-time at Lewis and Clark Community College as a faculty member and coordinator for the Graphic and Web Design programs. She can, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Luke, and their adult son, Keenan, and playing video games, especially Zelda.

June 25, 9:45 a.m. **Moving Away From Gossip, Backchannel Communication, & Talking Sh*t: How Learning To Do Conflict Well Builds Trust** – Forum – Interim Director Amy L. Miller, MSW

You’re never going to like everything that everyone does, but when something really bothers you, how you address it (or IF you address it) matters. It erodes trust when we learn that someone has had a problem with us “through the grapevine” or when someone expresses displeasure obliquely through passive-aggressive behavior. In order to build community trust, we have to be brave and compassionate communicators. Learning to do conflict well requires that we reframe it as a positive, healthy aspect of any relationship. The key is learning how to bypass defensiveness in yourself and others, so you can engage in and resolve difficult conversations with kindness and respect. Our Interim Director Amy has developed workable strategies for “doing conflict well.” This is part two of a series, but the session on 6/11 is not a prerequisite for this one.

June 25, 11 a.m. **The Times They Are A-Changin’: An Identity Primer (and why it matters!)**  
Platform – Interim Director Amy L. Miller, MSW  
Music: The Ethical Band

It may be hard to keep up with all the “newfangled terminology.” When we don’t understand something it’s easy to get annoyed with it or dismiss it as not important. What is cisgender? What is nonbinary? What is demisexual? What is “ace”? What is pansexual? Why do pronouns matter so much all of a sudden? What does all of this mean? Approaching the idea of multifaceted (and mutable) identity from a curious, beginner’s perspective with the goal of education and normalization, we will leave Platform with a little more knowledge than we had before and some comfort around shared definitions.
June 19, 6 p.m. **Monday Music Event**

Monday Music Event! Join us as our interim director, Amy Miller, and St. Louis music legend Michael Schaerer take the stage at the Ethical Society of St. Louis for an all-ages, free, public concert. All are welcome to gather in the auditorium at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 19. You may also stay home and watch online if you’d prefer, as it will be livestreamed as well.

Michael and Amy have been playing together for nearly two decades, and have mastered the art of two-part harmony and improvising songs on the fly. Their repertoire runs the gamut of anything that can reasonably be covered by an acoustic guitar. It will be a fun, informal, interactive event; the musicians will accept song requests from the audience and offer stories and banter between songs. Please join us! It will be fun. A freewill “love” offering will be taken up to cover the artists and support staff. You can join on [AltarLive](https://altarlive.org) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

June 10, 6:30 p.m. **Introvert Social Night (Extraverts are welcome, too!)**

On June 10 at 6:30 p.m., all adult members are invited to join us in the Becker Room for a staff-sponsored special “introvert friendly” social event. There will be multiple “stations” set up and you will be given conversation starters and/or games. Everything will be clear and easy and no one will have to do anything awkward or public. No ice breakers or “introduce yourself to the group” stuff. The entire goal of the event is to get to know more members through meaningful interactions. Small talk is not required, although extraverts are also invited so they might be able to guide us in that area. Please come ready to connect and have fun! BYOB (or wine or sparkling water or whatever) and snacks to share. We’ll have a snack and drinks table set up for everyone to enjoy.

June 15, 7 p.m. **Ethical Edges Are Back for the Summer**

We’re bringing back our Ethical Edge discussions this summer! Join us on the third Thursdays in June, July and August from 7-8 p.m. in the Hanke Room. Check out the details for June's Ethical Edge below and stay tuned for more details on the discussions for July and August. Feel free to bring your own snacks and/or beverages.

First, we’ll find the facts of the situation; then we’ll expose the ethical edge, identifying the ethical questions raised; then we’ll pose the questions, discussing the ethical issues together. Discussions will be facilitated by Leader Intern Louise Jett, and those with questions can email her at ljett@ethicalsstl.org.

June 15, 7-8 p.m. **Should we embrace artificial intelligence?**

Some argue that artificial intelligence (AI) is a powerful tool with the potential to revolutionize many industries and improve our lives in countless ways. On the other side, experts worry that AI presents major areas of ethical concern for society. Let’s explore the risks and challenges associated with artificial intelligence and discuss the situations where its use could be harmful and times when it could be helpful. Is AI a powerful tool for positive change or does it do more harm than good?
Welcome to Our New Team Members

We are so excited to welcome our new music director, Claire Minnis. She is an educator, performer, and conductor who believes in building musical communities that celebrate all skill and experience levels. She inspires professional and novice singers to excellence with the unified purpose of advocating for issues of justice through innovative programming and community partnerships. Claire brings an infectious love for music and singing to everything she does, AND she plays guitar, piano, percussion, and ukelele. (She got to play our beautiful organ for her audition/interview and agrees it should be used more!)

If Claire’s out of the office and the sun is shining, she is likely gardening, reading poetry, or drinking cocktails on a dog-friendly patio with her husband, Jared, and their very good dog, Samson. Claire is a secular humanist with a passion for seeking beauty in every day. She is very happy to be joining our community. You can learn more about her at www.claireminnis.com.

We are excited to welcome Courtnie Scott-Cammarata (she/her) as our new membership + program manager. Courtnie brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, having earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in social work from UMSL and Washington University in St. Louis, respectively. Courtnie’s professional background includes work in funding and advocacy, as well as over a decade of experience working directly with families. Her special interest lies in working with children, youth, and families. As our new membership + program manager, Courtnie is excited to meet and engage with current members, as well as foster new connections within the community. Her hope is to support a strong sense of community through shared Humanist values.

We are excited to welcome Megan Bezdek McCarthy as our new SEEK director. She has been teaching the 5th and 6th grade classroom for the past few weeks, so some of you are already familiar with her smiling face. She has been a youth educator and children’s librarian for over a decade. Prior to her career in public libraries, she worked in theatre and television as a stage manager, designer, and production assistant. She holds a BFA from NYU and a MLIS from Rutgers University, where she was an IMLS scholar.

As a Humanist and a mother, Megan believes it is our duty to imbue our children with a lifelong love of learning, strong values, a commitment to social justice, the ability to think critically, and a drive to take care of our planet and make the world a better place. In her role as SEEK director, she is excited to help educate, inspire, and empower the next generation of Humanists at the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

We are excited to welcome our new rental coordinator + returning Sunday host, Adam Presswood. For the past six years, Adam has worked as part-time event staff for the Ethical Society of St. Louis, and he has been looking for an opportunity to expand his contribution to the Society. He is a teacher, public historian, and writer who lives and works in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his undergraduate work at Washington University in St. Louis and attended graduate school at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He has worked in a wide variety of St. Louis historical societies and museums. Currently, Adam works as an adjunct history instructor for Maryville University in St. Louis, collects oral histories for Soldiers Memorial Military Museum in St. Louis, and works in the tours and museum department for the St. Louis Cardinals. Adam is originally from Lincoln County, Missouri, where he grew up fishing, weightlifting, and reading in the great outdoors – all passions that he still indulges as often as he can.
Member News

June 17 Ethicyclists: The Billie Teneau Memorial Ride to New Town

On Saturday, June 17, the Ethicyclists will go on their third ride of the season. We will meet at the Lewis and Clark Boat House & Museum at 1050 S. Riverside Drive, St. Charles, 63301. Meeting time is 9 a.m. with a prompt departure for New Town at 9:15 a.m. Recently deceased member Billie Teneau introduced me to this ride, and it was one of her favorites. She was an active rider into her early 90’s with our Ethicyclists and the St. Louis Recreational Cyclists. She is my “North Star” in how to stay active while aging. So after leaving Frontier Park on the Katy Trail, we will get on the Boschert Greenway Trail to New Town in St. Charles County. This city was established in 2004 as the first true New Urbanism development in Missouri. It’s a truly unique environment and its “Mayberry, NC” feel has drawn me back many times. After taking a break at Marsala’s Market near the canal and fountains, we’ll head back to Old St. Charles and lunch on the patio of Magpie’s Café, the location of Billie’s 90th birthday celebration in June, 2015. The ride is about 15 miles round-trip and is mostly flat. If you want a longer ride, you can join me at the Creve Coeur Lakehouse Bar & Grill at 2160 Creve Coeur Mill Rd., 63146, which will make it about 29 miles round trip. Another option is to leave from the 364 Bridge parking lot (Arena Pkwy Exit off I-364) and the round trip from here would be 22 miles. So to make this all work like a European train, the longest route of 29 miles will leave Creve Coeur at 8:05 a.m., the next longest of 22 miles would leave from the I-364 Bridge at 8:40 a.m. and the shortest of 15 miles will leave the St. Charles Boathouse at 9:15 a.m. My cell number, which I will have on to coordinate all of this, is 314-753-5538 and my email address is japplecorr@att.net. If you wish your name to be added or deleted from the Ethicyclist list, contact David Brown at 314-703-6945 or david@thebrowngreens.com. Don’t forget for bring a helmet, extra tube, sunscreen, water, and a snack if you like. Hope to see in June for another adventure on the trails. ~ Joe Corrigan

Alan Randford & Billie Teneau
**Happy Trails to Arthur Schrenk**

Former Coming of Age and Youth Group member Arthur Schrenk is hiking the PCT alone. His goal is to complete the entire Pacific Crest Trail: 2,650 miles starting at the Mexican border in Campo, CA, and ending at the Canadian border east of Seattle.

He may decide to skip sections based on trail conditions. He also may be forced to change plans because of flood, fire, washed out bridges, etc. A hiker at the Southern Terminus returned this May to finish some sections he missed due to fire-related trail closures in 2021. You can follow Arthur’s adventures on his blog. Happy trails Arthur! We’re proud of you!

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**June 10, 10 a.m. Field Trip to EarthDance Farm in Ferguson, MO**

Join the Climate Action Now! team on Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m., at EarthDance Farm. Located in Ferguson, EarthDance is an organic farm school. During our guided tour, lasting about one hour, we’ll learn about the benefits of local small scale organic farming and how it differs from “big agriculture” mono cropping. We’ll hear about sustainability as we tour the herb garden, “7-Generations” garden, rain garden, and production fields. We’ll also visit the greenhouse and harvest house, so that we can get a sense of how the packing process works, in advance of the produce’s journey to restaurants, markets, farm stands, and, ultimately, plates.

This is a great opportunity for people of all ages—adults, teens and children—to learn, to have fun, and to spend time outdoors with Ethical Society friends. The cost is $10 per person, payable in advance, to Bob or Cathy Pickard or Brian Vandenberg. If interested, let us know no later than June 4. If you have questions, please reach out to them in person or via the CAN! email.

**Civil War Discussions with Sean O’Hara**

Ethical Society member Sean O’Hara will be hosting a series of discussions regarding the 160th anniversary of certain historic milestones in the Civil War. Feel free to bring your curiosity, snacks, and drinks for discussion in the Hanke Room. You do not need to attend each session to participate. Each session is designed to be independent, whether you are a history novice or history buff, all are welcome to attend. Contact at seanwoharago@gmail.com for more information.

**June 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** - The 160th anniversary of issuing the Emancipation Proclamation. Presentation on the historical context of the Emancipation Proclamation with discussion to follow.

**June 14, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** - 160th anniversary of the creation of the United States Colored Troops. Presentation on the history of USCT during the Civil War, their role in military campaigns and social impact during and after the Civil War with discussion to follow.

**June 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** - 160th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. Presentation will address the context leading up to Gettysburg, Day 1 and Day 2 (first half) of the battle while analyzing and addressing Lost Cause narratives on Gettysburg mythology. Discussion to follow.

**June 28, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** - 160th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. Presentation will address Day 2 (second half) and Day 3 along with post-battle issues like creation of the national cemetery and Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln along with deconstructing Lost Cause narratives of the battle. Discussion to follow.
View Board Minutes
You can now view the most recently approved Board minutes on our website at ethicalstl.org/boardminutes. This link will always work, but it does require that you enter the username and password given to members to access the “members area” of our website.

The Board Welcomes Your Comments
The Ethical Society Board welcomes communication from our members and visitors. Please share your comments via the form in this announcement. Please note, moving forward, Board meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month.

Saying Goodbye to Carol Bartell
Carol Bartell is moving to Chicago in June after many years in our community. We celebrated her on May 21 but she’ll be around a few more weeks so make sure you get some quality time with her!

Donate at Our Red Cross Blood Drive
Please sign up for the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in the Becker Room on Friday, June 2, 2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Blood is needed every day and your donation can help up to three people. Sign up at redcrossblood.org or contact Jane Schaefer at 314-727-6263.

Join the Religious Transition Group
Are you a person in religious transition? Find peer support in our weekly meeting at the Ethical Society, 7 p.m. on Mondays in the Hanke Room. Whether you’re transitioning out of religion or have been out of religion for years, it can help to discuss some of the insights and challenges of this experience. You can also join our new Facebook group.

SEEK on Hiatus
Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) is on summer hiatus but parents can can count on child care and guided activities for K - 6th graders each Sunday in the lower level and outdoors. And CPR-certified, vaxed, and background-checked care teams tend to newborns through pre-K children in the upstairs nursery and pre-school rooms. Child care is available each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Sending Lots of Love to Joyce Best
Longtime member Joyce Best is now in hospice care at home. She appreciates cards, calls or visits: (314) 863-2718; 6943 Amherst, University City, MO 63130; joycebest6943@gmail.com.

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Welcome to Our Newest Members

F. Munro Wood (he/him) grew up in rural Warren County, about an hour west of St. Louis, the middle of five siblings. An early passion for video games led him to pursue a degree in digital art, but the 2008 recession forced him to rethink his career goals. Munro enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as an intelligence analyst and an Arabic linguist for eight years; he was stationed on both coasts of the U.S, as well as two tours in Afghanistan and a month in Jordan, before leaving the military in 2019. Munro loves raising his 5-year-old son, hiking, camping, reading, going to the movies, playing board games, and much more. Now he is learning to play the guitar, and is always looking to try new things. Munro recently left behind a faith tradition and a marriage which were holding him back from living as his best self, and he is eager to build a new community among fellow humanists.

Deborah Robbins was born in Brooklyn and lived in NY for decades, then moved to PA, NC, and now MO. To say she had trepidations about moving to the Midwest would be an understatement. But here she is. Deborah is passionate about the arts and their power to enhance, even change, people’s lives. She loves music, film, dance, and art. To her great surprise, it’s all in St Louis! In “past lives” Deborah was a mime, teaching artist, recreation therapist, photo editor, and arts ed administrator. She has learned that when you scratch a person, you’ll find a story. We all have stories; we just need to listen. Being a stranger in a strange land, her intuition tells her that this east coast girl has found a home at Ethical Society.

Mike Follman recently moved to this area with his wife (Deborah Robbins) in order to be close to their daughter and her family. Mike was born in the Bronx where he remained through his college years. He is a retired psychologist and worked for NY State Mental Health services in Psychiatric Centers on Long Island. Privately, Mike co-led training groups for health care providers in the clinical use of meditation and imagery. He has also led “Finding Your Inner Peace” groups which were open to all. Mike has met some helpful, interesting, and accepting people at the Ethical Society and looks forward to contributing to the Society to help it thrive during these trying times.

Karen Anderson was born in 1954 and grew up in Oak Ridge, TN. She retired in 2019 from an eclectic series of jobs (systems analysis, field archaeology, fundraising, etc.) and has lived in nine states. She and her husband, Sven, moved from upstate NY to Webster Groves in 2021. They picked St. Louis because there is family here and are thankful that it’s considerably warmer here, but city living is a bit of a shock. They have begun the process of transitioning their property to native habitat. Karen first visited Ethical STL in early 2022 and has been attending somewhat regularly since. She has been a member of the Tuesday Women’s Association for over a year. She is very happy to have found the extremely welcoming, like-minded communities that are the Ethical Society and the TWA.
June 06, 6 p.m. Shakespeare in the Park
Come out and join us for the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival to see a Latin retelling of Twelfth Night set in Miami! We will meet at the entrance to Shakespeare Glen in Forest Park June 10 from 6-10 p.m. Bring a snack to share and any drinks you may want to enjoy for the evening. For more important information, be sure to check the Facebook Event! Rainout date will be Saturday, June 17. Contact Mandy Sullivan with questions: 314-642-0268.

June 21, 7 p.m. Social Night
Join us for a social evening with friends from the Ethical Society June 21 from 7-10 p.m. in the Becker Room. Bring a snack to share and any drinks you may want to enjoy for the evening. Bring any games you are interested in playing. Join the Facebook Group. Contact Lindsey Nissenbaum with questions, Lindsey.Nissenbaum@gmail.com.
Take the Me and White Supremacy Pledge

In the summer of 2018, Layla F. Saad ran a free month-long Instagram challenge that became an international cultural movement. The #meandwhitesupremacy workbook invited participants to examine and own responsibility for the ways they uphold white supremacy.

From the challenge, Saad updated the workbook, *Me and White Supremacy: A 28-Day Challenge to Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*. It “leads readers through a journey of understanding their white privilege and participation in white supremacy, so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on black, indigenous and people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.” The new book goes beyond the original challenge by adding more context, sharing stories and anecdotes, and including definitions, examples, and further resources.

We’re hoping that this summer you take the pledge and commit to journaling through the workbook, which is available as a free PDF and can be purchased online. It is also available as an audiobook. The pledge is anonymous, but we will be tracking how many people take it and the number of people who participate in the discussions. While it is supposed to be a 28-day challenge, we invite you to work through it at your own pace. We will have opportunities to discuss the topic and workbook at a 9:45 Forum on July 16. There will also be another opportunity for discussion in August. The discussion will be facilitated by Leader Intern Louise Jett. You can contact her with questions or while you are journaling for love and support at ljett@ethicalstl.org.
Sci-Fi Book Club Meeting
For June, the Science Fiction Book Club will be reading *Galatea 2.2* by Richard Powers. We will meet **Monday, June 26**, from 7-8 p.m., via the Society’s Zoom account.

Zoom ID 384 422 5785

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Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck
The June Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck will be held on Friday, **June 2 at 6:30 p.m.** at 108 South Brent Ave, Kirkwood. Nicole Lamb and Jim Longo are the hosts. Please bring a veggie dish for eight people, serving utensils and a beverage of your choice (BYOB). It can be wine, beer, soda, fruit juice, etc. Email Nicole at nsaritalamb@gmail.com to RSVP. There is no limit on the number of people attending but please let Nicole know if you are attending so Nicole and Jim know how many plates and utensils to provide and how many tables and chairs to set up. Parking: The street is one-way. Park on the left side of the street. Feel free to park on the connecting streets as well (Madison on the right side or Westwood Place on the left). Both are after passing their home. Contact: Feel free to call/text. Nicole 415-509-7589 or email her at nsaritalamb@gmail.com. Please note: they have a dog, Maddie. She may bark at the first guest. Know she’s gentle.

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Finding Connections Book Club
The Finding Connections book group seeks to explore ethics through faith, philosophy and personal growth. We meet **weekly on Sundays after Platform at 12:30 p.m.** in the Butterfly Room or the Art Room. The participants select the reading material. Our group is currently reading a book by Walter Johnson titled *The Broken Heart of America*. Our next book will be *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg. All are welcome to join this book group. Contact: Alan Easton ameast89@yahoo.com.

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Men’s Group
The Men’s Group will meet in the Hanke Room **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to noon**. Contact Ron Williams at rwwill78@gmail.com if you have questions.

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Mindfulness Meditation
Mindfulness Meditation meets in the Ethical Society’s Youth Group Room (downstairs, at the end of the east classroom hallway). All are welcome to join us on either a regular or drop-in basis on **Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.**

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Tai Chi, Fridays at 9 a.m.
Tai chi is a wonderful practice that gets better and better over the years. Research has demonstrated a wide range of health benefits. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Class is appropriate for beginners and the more experienced. During June we will finish learning the individual movements in the Yang Secret Long Form as taught by H. H. Lui. Class won’t meet during July and August but will resume in September.

Tai chi meets at 9 a.m. on Fridays on Zoom. You do not have to be an Ethical Society member to participate. There is a tai chi email list. If you would like to get notices and information, please email beere1db@cmich.edu.

Don Beere is the teacher. He has been learning, practicing and teaching tai chi for over 50 years, and depending on how one counts, 60 years. All previous Zoom classes are available on the tai chi page of his website, [www.donaldbeere.com](http://www.donaldbeere.com). Anyone who would like to learn tai chi can use those videos.

Zoom ID 384 422 5785

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Third Sunday Dinner Theatre
The director this month will be Dave Storer. The host is Jessica Saigh. We’ll gather in the Becker Room on June 18 at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers. Act I begins at 6 p.m. After Act I, we’ll eat dinner. Then we’ll watch Act II; then have dessert. The actors have been determined ahead of time; they’ve had one “rehearsal,” which is a read-through. Everyone else is the audience. Everyone should bring one of the following: appetizer; main dish or salad; dessert. Also BYOB. If you can, please RSVP to Andie Jackson, andrea.jackson568@mail.com. If you can’t RSVP, come anyway! Dinner Theatre offers food, socializing, intellectual stimulation and entertainment. What’s not to like?