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Notes from the Music Department

Thank you, Jimmie Mayer, for leading us in song and blessing us with today's meaningful Music Meditation by Amanda Udis-Kessler. "**Call Me By My Name**" is new to the world. Copy-written in 2022, it was written in support of the LGBTQ community but this song could have also come into being in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement, or that of any physically or mentally challenged peoples, or, and this is a bit of a stretch, perhaps could have been the voice of that carpenter centuries ago as he journeyed into Jerusalem.

Amanda Udis-Kessler specializes in music and lyrics for liberal and progressive religious people and communities, including Unitarian Universalists, social justice minded Christians and other open-hearted religious traditions. Her music is in use across the US, Canada, the UK, South Africa and New Zealand.

Call Me By My Name

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Call me by my name. Know me in my truth.
Trust the sacred flame that burns in me and you.
Listen to my song, I'm gentle and I'm strong
with a love I can't contain. Won't you call me by my name?

Tell me who you are. Let your truth be known.
Cast away your fear for you are not alone.
Share your hopes and dreams. Together, we'll be free
to rejoice with all our hearts. Won't you tell me who you are?

As we come to learn the gifts we each can give,
We offer up in turn a better way to live.
The stories that we share will show us how to care.
You can help me do my part when you tell me who you are.

You can fill the world with grace
When you call me by my name.

Our Adult Choir continues to meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the church atrium.

"When we sing together in community - whether in joy or desolation or everyday hope - we affirm our common humanity and build our community through this shared craft. Good singing is not the result of a good community but the forging of it. No other gift connects us in quite this way."

Alice Parker, *Melodious Accord*

Another fun music making opportunity, our Drum Club, meets from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays. Authentic West African and Caribbean instruments are provided. Join us in the Drum Haven at 1005 Steuben St. Wausau.

"The innate connection of the body and the beat is a healing force we can all tap into for spirituality, healing and access to the roots of rhythm that are the common pulse of humanity."

Christine Stevens, *Music Medicine*