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UUVC Values by Jerry Offerman

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Mark's Trail
Rev. Mark Walz



From the President
Patty Dacus

Extra Life

Last month marked the 10th anniversary of my 'event'. The one where a very talented thoracic surgeon repaired my aorta and literally saved my life. He confessed afterwards that if I had come to him or any surgeon ten years earlier, I would surely have died.

In that previous decade they had produced better techniques, better procedures, and better equipment that made survival possible. Not absolute but possible. These ten years have been 'bonus time' for me. And I am much appreciative. And eager to embrace a new year.

There is hope that the trauma of Covid will fade, and we can embrace our lives more fully. Whatever the new year brings, may we find joy in your relationships, confidence in our goodness, and help to make this a better place for all.

Let us infuse our religious journey with grace, generosity, and gratitude. Let us raise the stakes of our lives together and build new ways of engaging the world. The world we wish everyone could live in. The world where every life is valued.

C. S. Lewis wrote – *You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.*

Together may we bravely embrace the new year.

See you in Church.

A Time for Love...

Today I just keep thinking, "Be gentle with yourself." I'm not exactly sure why that thought keeps coming to me, but perhaps it is there for me to share with you. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself, in whatever situation you are confronting — good or bad, happy or sad — be gentle with yourself. Try to find something to love in your situation, in those with whom you are dealing, and especially in YOU.

As we do each and every day, we woke today to a brand new world full of joy and wonder and possibilities and sadness and inertia and disappointments. How we navigate through each new day depends on so many variables and no two of us are on the exact same path; we are each on our own, but traveling together offering support and love to each other as best we can. In these crazy and uncertain times it is important that we put our own needs high on our list of priorities. How can we possibly care for other people and care about things happening in the larger world if our own needs are unmet? Love YOU, take care of YOU and I believe the rest will fall into place as it should. What the world needs now, more than anything, is love.



Adult Education

Salli Forbes

UUVC proudly offers the course

Understanding the U.S. Constitution, instructed by Carl Ford.

Where: UUVC Community Hall,

When: February 15 & 22 and March 1

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.,

Limited to the first 40 registrants

Registration deadline February 7th

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/hsvconstitution>

The three sessions will emphasize early American history leading to the monumental achievement of the founding fathers in 1787 in Philadelphia; cover the debate over the new constitution, its ratification, and the first 10 Amendments; and focus on the first three articles of the Constitution and several current constitutional questions.

Carl Ford is the former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research in the Administration of President George W. Bush and has over 30 years in government service in a variety of positions — U.S. Army, DIA, CIA, Office of the Secretary of Defense ISA, and the Department of State.

Book Sharing with Rev. Walz is February 23rd, 7:00 p.m. on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89175217905> or by phone: 312 626 6799.

Steve Rittenmeyer and Salli Forbes are again offering the course UU 101 on March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the UUVC Community Hall.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/bdhf8jkr>.



Dispute Mediation

Steve Owen

The Dispute Mediation Committee stands ready to assist members and friends in resolving conflicts which affect their life in the church. For more information click [HERE](#).

Contact Steve Owen: hsvgolfing@gmail.com

or Steve Rittenmeyer: 915-0575

sd-rittenmeyer@wiu.edu



Safety

Tom Tirrell

Annual AED/CPR Class

For many years a Red Cross instructor has given us a two-hour class on the use of our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), hanging on the foyer wall. The AED may keep a heart pumping until the arrival of a paramedic. The more of us who become trained in the use of the AED, the greater the likelihood that one of us could be saved if a heart attack happens at the church.

This class will be offered on Thursday February 24th, from 3-5pm in our Community Hall. There is no charge for this class and no certification is issued. It is our hope to train as many members and friends in the proper use of this life saving device as possible. Some basic, "hands only" CPR will be learned and practiced as well.

Class participants will practice these techniques on manikins on the floor, so comfortable attire is required to allow you to get down on the carpeted floor. It is also recommended that you bring a towel or pillow to kneel on while practicing.

Signup sheets will be in the Community Hall at the signup tables on Sundays. Class size is limited. Contact Tom Tirrell if you have any questions.



C4K

Linda McAteer

Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic has benefitted more than any other organization from the efforts of our C4K program.

We make refurbished computers available to qualifying nonprofits, schools and individuals in Central Arkansas. We've placed other low cost computers with the Bismarck School District, our own HSV Coronado Library, and the Clarksville School District.



Green Team

Deanna Tolliver

A Green Team bit of news that wasn't mentioned last month is that we were the Secret Santa at the UUVC Christmas supper. A token was placed under a napkin at the tables and if you were lucky enough to sit at that spot, the token was yours to redeem for a "green" gift. Enjoy!

February is the month for valentines and The Green Team has some suggestions to make this holiday a little "greener." Watch for these suggestions in The Village Green eblast, the week just prior to Valentine's Day.

Also coming up this month is the UUVC Chili Cook Off! Mark your calendars: Saturday, February 19, 5 pm. More info will be coming whether you're a cook or a judge.

Did you know The Green Team has its own Facebook page? Just go to Facebook, search for UUVC Green Team, and click on "Join." You'll soon receive an email saying that you're "in" and you'll be able to make your own posts, respond to other posts, etc. We share articles of interest, recipes, ideas, etc., all in the "green" mode. Join us!

Finally, Earth Day is on the horizon: April 22, 2022. We're making plans!



Events

Nancy Baumgartner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Events Committee is planning a Chili Cook Off on February 19th at 5:00PM. The categories are Vegan, Spicy, and Regular. All kinds of chilis are encouraged. A Signup Sheet will be posted in the Community Center.

March is around the corner. Several events and outings have been discussed. Under consideration is a trip to the Purse Museum. Look it up online!!

In the meantime, stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy life.



Ministerial Committee

Penny Beed

What Do You Know About the Ministerial Committee?

Did you know that since Reverend Walz began his ministry at UUVC in 2017 there has been a ministerial committee? Do you know its purpose? Primarily it exists to recognize, honor and support the relationship between the minister and the congregation, in order to maintain a caring, loving and harmonious relationship.

The committee is to address concerns, should they arise, before conflict develops. Finally, the committee assists the minister annually in assessing how well the goals of the ministerial service agreement are met. The committee consists of 5 members in whom both the minister and the Board have confidence and trust. Currently, the chair is Penny Beed. Other members are Jerriann Nielsen, Cloe Bayer, Todd Carter and Debbie Bostick.



Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

Member and Friend reports of 2021 contributions to UUVC are available in the Community Hall. There is a box with the reports in envelopes, alphabetical by last name. The reports include contributions made to Operating, Building, Share and Memorial funds. These reports are for calendar year 2021, which is not the same as UUVC's fiscal year (which is July – June). If you have any questions, please send a note to treasurer@uuvc.org

Emails will be sent in early February to those who made FY21-22 pledges to UUVC's operating fund. The emails will provide the amount of your pledge and balance remaining. Operating pledge commitments are to be completed by June 30.

Operating net income through December 31 was \$28,297 reflecting six-month revenues of \$86,789 offset by expenses of \$58,492.



Membership

Pam Harrison

Kindness

During the past and present year, I have encountered many acts of kindness and for those acts I'm truly grateful. To quote from Kindness is Everything website: *"Kindness is-and always will be-one of the different ways,-both big and small-we express care, concern, and consideration for ourselves and those with whom we share the world. Kindness is LOVE in action."* UU values in action.

Visitor to Friend to Member: These are the three steps to becoming a member at UUVc. Be involved by volunteering in church activities. Take UU education classes when offered (previous UU's can skip this). Make a commitment to join as a Member of UUVc. The Membership Team is ready to WELCOME you whether you are a Visitor, a Friend, or a Member.

Member Milestones 15-year Membership

This month we have Four Members to recognize. We thank them for their service to UUVc for the past Fifteen years. They are: Bette & Merrill Clark, Elizabeth Foster, and Jay Williams

UUVc Connections

If you have changed your phone number, ditched your landline, or changed your email please let the UUVc Office know, so we can update your record. Thank You.



Social Justice

Alana Clegg

There was no formal meeting of the Social Justice Team in January.

We voted via email to have Clarion Call *Happy Destiny Homes* take the February Share the Plate in place of C4K.

Bob McCleskey, C4K Chair, graciously offered to let Clarion Call take their place.



Building

Ralph Butler

Great news

Painting in the sanctuary has been completed. You are likely to be very pleased with the appearance of the sanctuary when you return on February 6th. The pews were removed from the sanctuary so that the ceiling could be painted. The painting contractor did an amazing job. They cleaned and covered all of the beams and the ceiling fans. They re-nailed the ceiling panels and caulked the joints between the panels.

The ceiling color was changed to white, from the light brown that has been there for many years. The lower walls were painted a lighter color, closer to eggshell. The color of the lower ceilings was changed to white to give the appearance of being a little higher. These changes made a major difference in appearance of the sanctuary. With this improvement, an immediate decision was made to make the same changes to the lobby. New lighting is coming to make the lighting in the lobby similar to the lighting in the sanctuary.



In Memory of Mayo Dazey Stiles

Mayo Stiles, one of only two "life time" UUVc members, passed away on January 2nd, at the age of 105. She joined the UU church on May 10, 1991. Mayo and husband, Don were active members during the time the church operated in multiple Hot Springs locations. Don died in 2012 at the age of 101. Mayo's son Don Jr. moved her to an assisted living facility in Carrollton, TX in 2018. Mayo has not participated in church activities for several years but retained her UUVc membership. One of her unique achievements was being a life long Unitarian.

An official obituary appeared in the January 11th edition of the Voice. Mayo was unique in many ways. Being the president of the HSV Razorback club in 1988 is only one example. To those who had the good fortune of knowing Mayo, she was indeed a very interesting person.

Interest Groups

UUVC Pickle Ball

Outdoor and Indoor play depending on weather.
Please contact **Dane Nielsen 915-8750** for an update on the play schedule.

Mah Jongg

Mondays at 1:00 in the Community Hall.
Contact Dee Offerman at: offermanrn@gmail.com

Rug Hooking

First Thursday from 10:00—2:00 in Conference Room
If you plan to attend, please call or text
Susan Johansson at 832-738-5136
on or before the prior Sunday.

Game Night

Due to increases in COVID cases, Game night is canceled until further notice.
For questions please call:
Cindy Nance at 337 278-4004.

Birthdays

Nancy Baumgartner	Terry Baumgartner
Ken Shelton	Tom Drake
Kim Harrison	Tom Tirrell
Ed Miller	Jerriann Nielsen
Kim Traw	Ron Nance
Sunny Lofton	

Anniversaries

2/14 Liz and Ed Miller
2/15 Penny and Doug Beed
2/23 Ronnie and Lee Zuege

Proofreader Needed for UUVC Newsletter

Are you detail oriented and have or can download a grammar app, I could use your help on the newsletter. Time required is about an hour once a month between the 27th and the 29th.
If you can help out, please contact Cindy Perez at:
NewsletterUUVC@gmail.com.

February Services

- Feb. 6th: Worship Service. Rev. Mark Walz.
2 Cookie Communion
- Feb. 13th: Insight Service. Liz Robbins, GC Historic Society, *History with Focus on Black History*
- Feb. 20th: Worship Service. Rev. Mark Walz. TBA
- Feb. 27th: Insight Service. Brenda Tirrell & Clyde Pound, *Faith Journeys*

December Share the Plate \$2,807.50
went to
Jackson House

Looking for a Good Home -20 Desktop Computers-

- Do you have any ties to a nonprofit organization, or know someone at a school needing a computer lab? Please contact Linda McAteer, or any of the c4k volunteers, so that we can place these computers where needed.
Linda McAteer: lmcateer60@gmail.com, 480-658-6154

About UUVC

UUVC Website: <http://www.uuvc.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>
Sermons: www.uuvc.org/messages-and-sermons.html

UUVC Principles

We covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.