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June 2019 THEME: FREEDOM



Mark's Trail Rev. Mark Walz

Music

This has been a wonderful Church Year. And music has played a critical role in its success. Our Sundays have been enriched and blessed by our Music Ministry. Through the leadership and talent of John Leisenring, the generous gifts of Clyde Pound, and the grace of our beautiful choir, each service builds on the last.

During the Installation Service last month, I was trying to handle the emotion of it all with grand stoicism. It was an emotional morning for me. And I was doing pretty well, I thought, until near the end, when I glanced to my right and saw Toby Hamilton *'signing'* the choir's offering of "Consider Yourself" (from the musical *Oliver*). The generosity of it all, the joy of it, the magic of being thought of now as part of the furniture, as part of the family, took over. Tears welled up and I wanted to stop and hug them all. As you, the choir, takes a well-deserved break for the summer, take our profound thanks as well.

I believe, as Beethoven did, that music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy. And I've always thought that people would find a lot more pleasure

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From the President David Welsh

In psychological theory there is an idea labeled the Approach-Avoidance conflict. It's a dilemma where a goal is appealing and unappealing at the same time. And so, my time as President of the Congregation is coming to an end. Part of me is looking forward to returning to my personal spiritual path and part of me is mourning the satisfaction of service to a larger whole. I would be an ungrateful person indeed if I neglected to praise and thank our Board this year. It has been a good year. If we were farmers, then we would say it has been a bountiful year. And I would be miserly in hope if I were not to tell you to anticipate the growth and development of our church in the coming year with new leadership.

As you know, I spent my adult life as an educator. One the sad aspects of teaching is that we are forever saying good-bye to those with whom we have just spent a semester or a year or more. We grow closer with time and the the year is over only to say good-bye and then hello to an entirely new class. It isn't exactly that way now but close enough to bring up the ambivalence

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~Mark's Trail, Continued from Page 1~

in life if they burst into song at significant moments.

Good Church requires good music. It was E. B. Lytton who said "Music, when once admitted to the soul, becomes a spirit that never dies." And Leonard Bernstein who added, "Music can name the un-nameable and communicate the unknowable." And I love what Kurt Vonnegut said he wanted for his epitaph, "the only proof he ever needed for the existence of god was Music."

Our covenant requires a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. It was Jack Kerouac who said the only truth is music. And Shakespeare who penned, "If music be the food of love, play on." Amen to that.
See you in church.

~From the President, Continued from Page 1~

of changing roles. So with a gland heart let me say "Thank You" for permitting me to serve. And with a sad heart, let me say I will miss the opportunities that leadership gives. Well, look at that. I just defined an approach-avoidance conflict!

And so it is.

Langston Reading Program

Langston Loves Reading 2018-2019 is in the books! Thank you to everyone who came, read, and spent some time with our students. They appreciated your presence and the attention you gave them. Thank you for sharing your time and love of reading.

We will resume in the fall in our **new building**. We will need more readers as we are **expanding to K-6**. Please consider asking friends and coworkers who may be interested to help out with this increased program.

Bernice Lowrey,
Instructional Facilitator

June Sundays at UUVC	
June 2, Worship Committee "Seven Principles Service"	
June 9, Mark & Toby Hamilton "Understanding Disabilities" Continued discussion @ 11:25 in Community Room	
June 16, Rev. Walz, TBD TED Talks with Rev. Walz @ 11:25	
June 23, Rev. Johnette Fitzjohn "Lucie's Place" Continued discussion @ 11:25 in Community Room	
June 30, John Leisenring, "Music on Barcelona"	
Attendance and Generosity	
May Attendance: UUVC Total: 432 (Worship, 222 Insight 190)	
May Share the Plate: Bridges to Hope \$2004.50 Rev. Walz's Ceremony: Ministerial Relief Fund \$ 829.00 June Share the Plate: Arkansas Red Cross	

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE	
JUNE 29TH	



Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

June ... the end of UUVC's fiscal year. And our focus in June is always Pledge! Reminders will be sent out in the second week of June to anyone with balances remaining on their FY18-19 pledges. Pledge commitments for our current fiscal year are to be fulfilled by June 30.

Also happening in June is our Operating Fund Pledge drive for next fiscal year. Our goal for FY19-20 is \$137,292 ... a 3% increase in the proposed budget for next year. As communicated at our kickoff on May 19, the increase in our goal is reflective of the increase in our membership...a wonderful challenge indeed! UUVC's membership increased last year by 11% and our average attendance by 18. The annual pledge drive provides us with confirmation that we have funding to go forward with the budget adopted by the Congregation. So please pledge ... whatever amount you are comfortable with ... it is the act of pledging which reflects your support and commitment to UUVC.

As for our operating fund actuals, through April we continue to have income exceed expenses. UUVC's net income through April is \$13,791. Thank you to the committee chairs and members for managing their areas of responsibility.



Green Team

Janet Holt

The Green Team Needs YOU!

One of the first tasks toward becoming a Certified Green Sanctuary is to raise awareness and start everyone thinking about how to create a more sustainable lifestyle. We're off to a great start and it's time to kick things up a notch.

How can you get involved? Think about your choices. Ask your questions. Share ideas. And if you haven't signed for one (or more) of our specialty teams, stop by the Green Team table Sunday and do it. This is not another committee responsibility. It's volunteering to help do or teach something you already like to do. Are you creative? Can you make something useful or decorative from things that would otherwise go into the trash? Do you like to cook healthy foods? Work in the garden? Are you a dogged researcher when you need information? Can you volunteer to sell Free Trade products one Sunday every 5 or 6 weeks? Can you take things to the recycling center a few times a year?

There's an opportunity for every single one of us so let's keep the momentum going. See you Sunday!

"Common-sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"A man doesn't begin to attain wisdom until he recognizes that he is no longer indispensable."

Richard Byrd



Social Committee

Cloe Bayer

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR

It has been my pleasure to serve as UUVC Social Chair for the past two years. We hope you have enjoyed the many social events and field trips that have been scheduled during that time. My term ends on June 30, but I will continue to serve on the committee, with the reins now being turned over to new co-chairs Dee Offerman and Stephanie Hubbard. Many interesting plans are being developed for the next church year. so stay tuned as details are published regularly.

SOCIAL EVENTS

After assisting the Membership committee with the New Member Luncheon on June 2nd, there are no planned Social Events for the months of July and August. The next event will be a picnic at the Cortez Pavilion in September, watch for further details in the newsletter and e-blasts.

MUSIC NOTES



John Leisenring

June begins with our new member ceremony – the choir will welcome them with “Consider Yourself” one of the family. And we’ll also provide incidental music for the annual presentation of our “7 Principles”

Then the choir will begin their summer vacation, but Clyde and I will continue to bring music to each service throughout the summer, enhanced often with special music by guest soloists.

We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams

Arthur O’Shaughnessy



Social Justice

Meg Koziar

This is my last article as chair of the Social Justice Committee, as Sue Loberg will become chair in July. UUVC has been remarkably generous with our Share-the-Plate contributions during my two years as chair, with over \$42K of donations, and we hope that generosity will continue - we are making a real difference in the lives of people.

At our meeting on May 9, the committee chose the Share-the-Plate recipients for the coming year. June will be Arkansas Red Cross, and July Lucie's Place. Tentative recipients for other months are Clarion Call, Planned Parenthood, Humane Society, Christmas Baskets, Project Hope Food Bank, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Jackson House, Saline County Imagination Library, All About Kids, a new homeless project in Hot Springs, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Special thanks to Alana Clegg for delivering your donations to Clarion Call, to Martha Thompson for leading the reading to kids at Langston School program, and to Pam Harrison (I listed her many contributions in April). Patty Dacus is now coordinating the Jackson House volunteers. Thanks to all the volunteers.



All Things Building

Cliff Harrison

Thank you to everyone who has propped me up as I stumbled through my two years as UUVC Building Committee Chair- this includes the entire UUVC congregation. I think we have accomplished a lot together.

Susan “Ducky” Berkley will take over the chair in July, and I know she can count on the help and cooperation you have all shown me.

UU’s ROCK!



Membership Snippets

Veronica Zuege

UUVC will be welcoming 16 New Members on June 2nd:

Dianne Morton, Susie Banks, Maria Roubik, Jim Tripcony, Liz & Ed Miller, Mary Homan, James Anderson, Linda Sprague, Jack Gresham, Georgia & Clyde Pounds, Leslie Johnson, Rick Traw, Jeanie & Tom Calhoun.

We will also be celebrating several milestones:

10+ Years: JoAnn Bowen, Nell Brewer, Bette & Merrill Clark, Elizabeth Foster, Jack & Lee Iafrate, Jerriann & Dane Nielsen, Junell O'Hara, Mary Ann & Steve Rittenmeyer, Cynthia Saalfeld, Helen Stark, Martha Thomson, and Jay Williams.

15+ Years: Bobbie Bateman, Cloe & Ed Bayer, Patricia Hearn, Ann & Phil Simpson.

20+Years: Kay Croshaw, Marjorie & Bob McCleskey, Hildy Nyberg

25+ Years: Dottie Foehringer, Meg Koziar, and Mayo Stiles.

Honorary Member:

Rev. Bud Hearn



Adult Education

Warren Searls

Preparing this article, I was preoccupied with recent articles from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette:

May 24 2019 headline : *“Gov. Asa Hutchinson has directed the Arkansas National Guard to send high-water rescue teams to the western part of the state in anticipation of what's expected to be record flooding on the Arkansas River this week-end.”*

“E. coli level high in West Fork of the White River” by Tom Sissom .

In 2015, Derrick Jensen was quoted as saying: *“The people who come after us are not going to care about how hard we tried. They’re not going to care if we were nice people. They’re not going to care if we signed petitions. They’re not going to care if we voted Democrat, Republican, or Green...They’re not going to care if we wrote really good books. What they’re going to care about is whether they can breathe the air and drink the water. They’re going to care about whether the land can give them food that they can eat. That’s the bottom line, always.”*

I wonder, will my prodigy be proud of my kind, and me over the future we will have left them? This can be a sad story, but only if we make it so.

Library

Kim Traw

The UUVC library currently has 629 books that really want to be read! The list of our books can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/UUVC>

Also, we have labeled 20 books as being written by UUVC members or friends, and

those volumes can be found on a special shelf in the library. Stop by and take a look! If you know of a book that you think should be part of our UUVC Library, please click on this link and submit the form: <https://tinyurl.com/uuvcbooks>



Pastoral Care

Court Mathey

The Pastoral Care Ministry is an active group of people who are trained to aid those facing life's crises such as death of a loved one, illness, divorce or relocation. We offer compassion and other assistance to those with emotional or spiritual needs. We visit in the home, hospital, nursing homes and rehab facilities.

We would like to expand our size as our church grows in membership. Anyone who has the gift of "caregiving" or is interested in developing this gift, please contact one of our members for more information. Current members are Mike Holt, Court Mathey (chairman), Bob McCleskey, Liz Miller, Mark Walz and Vivian Walz.

We meet bimonthly on the fourth Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. Frequent training in caregiving skills is offered.

We have information available on at-home care, assisted living and long term care facilities and other resources in the area.

We also arrange rides to and from church.

Another important part of the Pastoral Care Ministry is Grief Recovery. This group, which meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 9:30-11:00, is open to anyone experiencing grief of any kind.

"Life is full of perils, but the wise man ignores those that are inevitable."

Bertrand Russell

"Much wisdom often goes with fewest words."

Sophocles

June Celebrations



6/2	Frank Hubbard	6/15	Junell O'Hara
6/7	Mark Hamilton	6/18	Dianne Morton
6/8	Colleen Boardman	6/19	Sam Stout
6/8	Warren Searls	6/20	Jeanie Calhoun
6/9	Ralph Butler	6/22	JoAnn Bowen
6/11	Mary Ann Rittenmeyer	6/26	Wade Selph
6/12	Barbara Nick	6/27	Kim Townsan
6/13	Becky Fay	6/28	Janine Bethscheider
6/14	Gary Vogt		

6/11	Judy & Ron Saldino
6/17	Jerriann & Dane Nielsen
6/18	Lou and Norm Elliot
6/20	Linda and Glen Rider
6/30	Anne Bowes and Elmer Burrall

Interest Groups (IGs)



Marjorie Lakey

Game Night

Come to play board/card games on the **2nd Saturday of each month** at **5:00 PM**. We will eat first and play games afterwards. Bring a dish to share. It's always a surprise! For more information contact Marjorie Lakey at **262-8231**.



Myra Rustin

Movies with Mark and Myra

On **May 23rd** at 11:00 we will be viewing *"Seeking a Friend For the End of the World"*. Bring a sack lunch or popcorn if you like and join us in the conference room near the office. Watch mid-week e-blasts for more movie description.



Dan Nielsen

UUVC PICKLEBALL

UUVC Pickleball meets at the Desoto Pickleball Courts on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The group is for novice and experience players and will be a social (versus competitive) league.

The daily fee at Desoto Courts is just under \$6.00 per day. Annual rates are also available. Paddles and balls are provided if you need them.

If you are interested, contact or email Dane at: dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net



Janine
Bethscheider

Dining In and Out

Our Spring 2019 "Dining In" and "Dining Out" groups should have had their final meals of the season by this time. Thanks to all who participated for making this a successful social activity. We will be taking a dining break over the summer and will start the next series of UUVC "dinners" groups in the Fall.



TerryLynne
Marx

Mah Jongg

Currently, our mah jongg group is playing most **Mondays at 1:00**. If you would like to join us, or suggest another time to play, leave a message at:

226-5136.



Cloe Bayer

Fourth Friday Film Fest

"Way Home"

There are a couple of dog-oriented movies out right now, just in time for summer viewing with the kiddies, but this is not one of those. More description will be forthcoming as show time draws near.



Dispute Mediation

Steve Rittenmeyer

Having a Problem in Church?

The Dispute Mediation Committee stands ready to assist members and friends in resolving conflicts which affect their life in the

church; and can be addressed within the scope of UU Principles, covenants and ethics. Please contact Steve Rittenmeyer at 915-0575, email SD-Rittenmeyer@wiu.edu, or speak to any committee member: Cloe Bayer, Bud Hearn, Steve Owen, Myra Rustin, Daryl Wedwick. Look for the chalice pin and "Dispute Mediator" on the name tag.