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## January 2020 THEME: Remembrance



Look for the “flame” symbol throughout the newsletters. These denote hyperlinks that have been added which will send you to the web page for additional information.



### Spiritually Fearless

#### Happy New Year!

It is the tradition in January to say Goodbye to the old year and hello to the new one. The year past may have held disappointment and even tragedies. It may have included personal failing that need attention. The promise of a fresh start often holds our focus now.

It becomes a time to imagine a new routine, a new resolve. We evaluate what the prior year brought to us and peer into the future of the new one.

Yes, I would like to be a kinder, wiser version of myself. I would like to be more generous with my time and resources. I'd like to be a less anxious presence in the new year. 2020 is a year that promises to be swept up in anger and disappointment, I want to be grounded in peace and strength.

Whatever the new year brings, may you find joy in your relationships, confidence in your goodness, and help to make this a better place for all. May you look back next year with the satisfaction of having used it well. We are rightly measured by the promises we make and the promises we keep. Good luck and Godspeed with yours.

See you in church.



### From the President

Janet Holt

I love January. It is my favorite time of the year. I've always seen it as a time to reflect on accomplishments of the past year and to think about where to devote my time starting with a fresh, new calendar. If you're a planner who is looking forward to this year, too, I've got some UUVU activities to suggest for you:

#### New classes starting!

##### UU 101

If you're new to Unitarian Universalism, you will enjoy this class taught by Dave Welch. You will learn where we come from, what we believe, what we practice and the language we use in 4 classes starting January 19 at 11:15 in room 2.

**Getting to Know UUVU:** *A class for new members, new friends and people who are just confused.*

Warren Searles will teach this in 4 sessions starting January 13.

##### Articulating Your UU Faith

Stuck for an answer when someone asks you what UUs believe? A 5-week class taught by Patty Dacus can help. Classes will start in March (Dates TBD.)

Contact the instructors for detailed information about these great new offer-

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## Green Team

Janet Holt

~From the President, Continued from Page 1~

ings. And if you're still looking for a way to get involved, there's always room on the Green Team. Call me for information.

ALSO, VERY IMPORTANTLY:

### Service Auction Chair

The Service Auction will be Friday, April 24.

Not only is this one of our most fun events, we raise a lot of cash—around \$11,000 last year. *The only thing we're missing this year is a leader.* Do you love a good party? Can you plan an event? Then we need you to chair the service auction committee! Here's an abbreviated overview of the job:

Schedule the auctioneer. This has been done, so that's one task down already. See how easy?

Gather a team and assign tasks.

Publicize the event. The Communications Team can help with that.

Solicit auction items. With all the talent we have in our church that's easy peasy.

Keep track of auction items and a bit of other computer work.

Plan for some food and wine.

Recruit and oversee volunteers for auction night.

Did you notice that the main duties are overseeing and coordinating? If that's your thing, this is the job for you. There are plenty of people who can help you and even a checklist to use so you won't be blazing new trails. Kim Harrison has all the details.

Recently I watched, a TED talk led by Christiana Figueres, one of the architects of the Paris Climate Agreement and Chris Anderson, the head of TED. There were many speakers and the presentation was long--just over an hour—but as I listened I forgot about the time as my initial skepticism turned to optimism, then hope.

It is easy to feel powerless and to think our efforts are meaningless in the face of such overwhelming global change. But in the talk Christiana reminds us, "Impossible is not a fact. It is an attitude." Our individual efforts do matter but these presenters emphasize the key is for *everyone* to join forces. In other words, to form a global "Green Team."

For the rest of this article, click [HERE](#).



## Adult Education

Warren Searls

**The Roaring Twenties are upon us!**  
What a year it promises to be.

On Sunday January 12 at 2:00 PM in the Community Hall we will kick-off UUVC's Defending Democracy. At 3:00 PM we will be joining the launch of UUA's "#UUTheVote Campaign." This will be a live nationwide Zoom call? Put it on your calendar and plan (do) attend.

As Janet Holt pointed out in her President's column, 2020 is going to be a big year for UUVC education classes. The success of those classes will depend upon your participation. Be sure to check the sign-up table in the Community Hall for class offerings.

Happy New Year



## Dispute Mediation

Steve Rittenmeyer

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 Rittenmeyer at 915-0575 or email [SD-Rittenmeyer@wiu.edu](mailto:SD-Rittenmeyer@wiu.edu).





## Membership Snippets

Veronica Zuege

It is lovely to see visitors on Sunday, lovelier to see members and friends mingling and engaging with them. Our guests seem to be enjoying the services and they really do feel welcome. Thanks to you! As the New Year approaches, look for joy in your every day.



## Art Wall

Daryl Wedwick

### New Art for the New Year

That's the headline I used a year ago and 2019 turned out to be successful, Art Wall-wise! So, I figured it couldn't hurt to use it again!

**Friday, January 3rd, 2020, 10:00 a.m.,** UUVC's Community Hall. That is the time and the place for all UUVC artists to bring their works of two-dimensional art to exhibit on the Art Wall until March. Most of the paintings, photographs, stained glass, quilts, etc. may be newly created, but 'vintage' items from earlier in an artist's career are not uncommon. All are welcome. The Art Wall has space for 16 works of art.

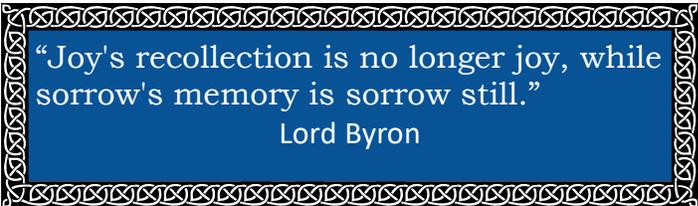
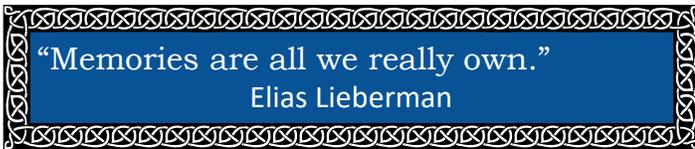
For information on what is required to hang your artwork, click [HERE!](#)



## Social Justice

Sue Loberg

The Social Justice Committee took December off and will resume in January. Our next meeting is January 9th @ 1:00. Anyone interested in what we do and how we do it is welcome to join us. If you have an organization that you wish us to consider for Share the Plate, please come and tell us about it. Just email me, [suecloberg@gmail.com](mailto:suecloberg@gmail.com) to get on the agenda.



## UUVC Blog

John Swinburn

We encourage UUVC members and friends to visit our new blog; read it, comment on posts, and let us know what you think. And, if you're of a mind to write a post or two, let John Swinburn know (his email address is [jsswinburn@gmail.com](mailto:jsswinburn@gmail.com)), so he can arrange to allow you authorship privileges.

Our blog is intended as a means to enable our members and friends to engage in communication about matters religious and secular. Please, take a few minutes to read it and comment on a post or two (or more). Here's the address: <https://uuvcblog.wordpress.com/>



- 1/08 Toby & Mark Hamilton
- 1/18 Sam & Joe Stout
- 1/19 Lorraine Ridley & Glen Calloway
- 1/21 Nola & Dennis Abraham



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| 1/01 | Loren Loberg   | 1/28 | Carl Ford     |
| 0/04 | Marie Welch    | 1/29 | Merrill Clark |
| 1/07 | Alex Perez     | 1/29 | Thomas Lovely |
| 1/10 | Patrick Ransom | 1/30 | Toby Hamilton |
| 1/16 | Pam Harrison   | 1/30 | Nancy Unowsky |
| 1/27 | Don Haase      | 1/31 | Lee Duckfield |



## MUSIC NOTES

John Leisenring



We've made it past the Solstice, and the various holidays, and now we're on the down-slope toward Spring. But first, a number! The choir opens January with a request for Mark Hayes composition celebrating winter entitled "Cold Snap," which is great fun whether or not it's snowing outside. Then in mid-January, we'll sing a wonderful composition by Mark Miller entitled "Show Us How To Love." T'will be a fine musical January.

*"A painter paints pictures on canvas, but musicians paint their pictures on silence."*

Leopold Stokowski

"Everyone can remember that which has interested himself."  
Plautus

## WANT ADS New Column!!!

**Lost & Found:** A couple of jackets were left in the church last week. Please check in the coat room to see if they are yours.

**Help Wanted:** Someone who knows how to set up a database. One time commitment. Please contact **Ronnie Zuege 922,3878** or [vzuege@gmail.com](mailto:vzuege@gmail.com)

If you would like to place an ad in next month's newsletter, send an email to [pcindyp55@gmail.com](mailto:pcindyp55@gmail.com) before the 22nd of the month.

"Of all the faculties of the mind, memory is the first that flourishes, and the first that dies."  
Charles Caleb Colton



## Events Committee

Dee Offerman and Stephanie Hubbard



The Events Committee is planning a trip to Lake Ouachita on Saturday, January 18th to see the eagles. Saturday, January 25th is an alternate date in case of inclement weather. The tour is from 2:30-4:00 and the cost is \$10.00 per person. We can meet at the church and carpool. For those that wish, we have reservations for an early dinner at Home Plate at 4:45. This should be a fun and interesting trip. Bring your blankets!! The sign up sheet is available on Sunday mornings in the community hall. We will need to let Home Plate know how many are expected in our party.

Start looking for information about our TRIVIA NIGHT to be held in February.



## Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

Time to think tax filings! For those who have made donations to UUVc greater than \$100, you will receive a tax report. As we have grown, sending the tax reports by way of individual emails has required a significant effort. So starting this year, everyone's tax report will be available in hard copy at the church for you to pick up. Each report will be in a sealed envelope, labeled with the contributor's name. The envelopes will be available starting on Sunday, January 19 and will be located in the office. Thank you for your understanding in this change to process.

As for the UUVc financial, a summary report is available on the website. Income continues to exceed budget, driven mostly by an acceleration in pledge payments. Expenses are under budget (thank you committee chairs). UUVc has a net income of \$21,600 through the end of November. Happy New Year everyone!

## Sunday Service Information

Jan 5

**Worship Rev. Mark**

### Happy New Year

In most cultures the end of one year and the beginning of the next invites us to clear the slate and set a new course, a new adventure for the year to come. Today we say hello to the new year as we share our 3rd annual two-cookie communion.

Jan 12 Insight

**Steve Rittenmeyer**

Robert Ingersoll

Jan 19

**Worship Rev. Mark**

### Remembrance & Renewal

The poet Rilke wrote: "I am not saying we should love death, but rather that we should love life so generously that we automatically include death in our love." Today we speak to our love and grief for the losses of the year past.

Jan 26 Insight

**Rev. "Bud" Hearn**

The Bible: Dissenting voices make it impossible to live by.

### Attendance for November

Worship Service	243
Insight	188
Total	431



## Interest Groups (IGs)

Marlene Kloack, Coordinator

[mkkloackm@aol.com](mailto:mkkloackm@aol.com), 501-915-9494

For current information on any interest group click [here](#).



### Social Hours and Dining Out for 6

Another [Surprise Social Hour](#) is being planned for late-January/early February. When a date is set, it will be announced in the mid-week blast emails.

Dining Out for 6 will be returning in the Spring.

Contact **Janine Bethscheider** at: [jbethscheider1@gmail.com](mailto:jbethscheider1@gmail.com)

### Fiber Arts - Hooks & Needles

Meet in the conference room on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 1-3 PM**. We welcome any and all forms of "fiber" work.

Contact either **Marjorie McClesky** at: **915-0237**

or **Suzette Watson** at: **922-3382**

### UUVC Pickleball

Meet at the Desoto Pickleball Courts on **Thursday evenings from 3-5 PM**. Paddles and balls are provided.

Contact **Dane** at: [dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net)

### Fourth Friday Film Fest

Meet in the Community Hall at **7:00 PM**. Popcorn provided! Look for E-blast with current movie.

Contact **Cloe Bayer** at: [cloebayer29@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloebayer29@sbcglobal.net)

### Mah Jongg

**Mondays at 1:00** in the community Hall.

Leave **TerryLynn Marx** a message at: **226-5136**

### Game Night

**2nd Saturday of each month at 5:00 PM**. We will eat first and play games afterwards. Bring a dish to share. Contact Marjorie Lakey at: **262-8231**.

### Mat Making Group

Meets in the community hall the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of the month from **9:00 - 11:00 AM**.

Contact Marilyn Matzek at: **922-4909**

### Meditation

Look for more information for this upcoming group on the community hall tables. Scheduled to begin next spring.

## About UUVC

**UUVC Website:** <http://www.uuvc.org>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/>

## UUVC Principles

- 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.

## Newsletter Submission Information

Please submit as an attachment in **Word format (DOCX)**. No bullet points or indented text, please.

**Deadline:** The 26th of month prior to publication (except February the 24th)

**Submissions and Inquiries:** Cindy Perez at: [pcindyp55@gmail.com](mailto:pcindyp55@gmail.com)