



Unitarian Universalist Village Church

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September 2019 THEME: In-Gathering



Mark's Trail Rev. Mark Walz

In-Gathering

The Unitarian Universalist Association and we, the UU Village Church, choose to begin our fiscal new year on July 1st. Most of the planet takes the calendar new year from January 1st. But Liturgical Calendars often vary from religion to religion. In UU circles, we like our Worship year to begin in late August or early September. We call it In-Gathering.

Historically it derives from returning to school or University after the summer recess, or after family vacations. In agrarian communities, it's after the crops have been attended to. For us it is a time to reassemble our Choir, to renew friendships, and reinvigorate our Ministries.

Over the years, In-Gathering has given me an even greater appreciation of its importance. As we mentioned last month, we are re-activating our Welcoming Congregation initiative. We want to imagine all the ways we can be an even better church for ourselves, and a vital asset for the community beyond us. What I've come to believe is that the crucial gift we provide for each other is simply give witness to each other's lives. We all need to know we are not alone.

We begin this new liturgical year September 1st with the Water Communion. The original ritual was created by Carolyn McDade and Lucille Longview at the Women

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From the President Janet Holt

New Classes Starting

Did you know that fear of speaking in public frequently tops the charts as the #1 fear in America? It's true. Did you know that leadership can take many forms and being a leader at UUVU does not mean you must speak in front of the congregation? Also true. So if that fear has been holding you back from taking a leadership role, give it a rest and sign up for our new leadership class series beginning in September. Penny Beed and I have designed a curriculum just for our church members and Warren Searls will be leading the classes so I think you'll find them interesting and fun. There is no charge for the course but class size is limited so don't delay. Come and share your talents with our church.

New Team

A new Special Voter Justice Team, led by Warren Searls, will begin work immediately in preparation for the 2020 election. The team has 3 non-partisan functions:

1. To facilitate voter registration
2. To provide voter information
3. To encourage voter participation

If you have an interest in this, please contact Warren. Voting is vital in our democracy and we welcome your participation with this important mission.

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~Mark's Trail, Continued from Page 1~

& Religion Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists in 1980. We bring a small vial of water as we gather, to add our blessing to the future. We celebrate our connectedness and choose water as our symbol of empowerment. Come with water, actual or virtual, from the toils or travels of summer. Come and share your water story with friends, both old and new. Mahalo.

See you in church

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New Blog

John Swinburn has created a new blog entitled "*The Sacred and the Secular*" to allow our members to express their thoughts about our church. Beautifully written and thought provoking so I encourage you to check it out.



Social Justice

Sue Loberg

MUSIC NOTES

John Leisenring




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Welcome Back, Choir

We welcome our wonderful choir back from their Summer Hiatus, and we'll open on Sept. 1 with "*Simple Gifts*." It's the annual Water Ceremony, so be sure to bring a few drops from your Summer travels. Then stay tuned for Paul McCartney's "Blackbird" on Sept. 15. And on September 29, don't miss the next **MUSIC ON BARCELONA** featuring the fabulous jazz singer I.J. **ROUTIN** with the Clyde Pound Trio.

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness."

Maya Angelou

Gather strength from life's storms.

Jonathan Lockwood Huie

FLOATING PEACE CORPS

Please assist in launching the most practical and humane form of penology: Peace Corps Afloat.

Many U.S. Navy hospital ships, sitting idly and uselessly now "in mothballs" can be recommissioned to serve throughout the world as first responders to aid people afflicted by disasters.

For more information, click [here](#).



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Henry Ford



Membership Snippets

Veronica Zuege

UUVF Friends to UUVF Members: a Pathway to Membership

- 1. Get Involved:** Find the volunteer opportunity that is right for you. Consider joining an interest group. Sign up on Sundays there are many ways to serve and enjoy new friendships.
- 2. Get Educated:** Our last several services have been all about Unitarianism and Universalists. Take advantage of the opportunities available to learn more about UU, and about UUVF, in any or all of our frequent (and diverse) education classes and conversations.
- 3. Get Committed:** Take part in a New Member Orientation class (TBA) and accept the invitation to join through the New Member Ceremony on a Membership Sunday.
- 4. Contact** Ronnie Zuege: vzuege@gmail.com , 922.3878, or 501.209.0425 if you would like to become a member and if you have questions or concerns.



Social Committee

Dee Offerman and Stephanie Hubbard



Plan for these Upcoming Events

September 20th Picnic at Cortez Pavilion from 5-10 PM

October 15th Visit Clinton Library for *Washed Ashore* exhibit We will meet at the east gate parking lot at **9 AM** in order to carpool. The cost is **\$8.00 for seniors**.



Green Team

Janet Holt

A Note from the Recycling Team

By now we hope you've seen (and used) our recycling center in the corner of the community hall. We're collecting aluminum cans, glass, printer ink cartridges, batteries and recyclable plastic bottles. We also have a jug to collect plastic bottle caps.

For more information on how to recycle at our church, click [here](#).



Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

Financials through the first month of our new fiscal year show Net Income of \$6,987 just slightly over projected budget. As a reminder to all Committee Chairs, the adjusted UUVF budget can be found on the website and reflects a contingency "decrease" in all areas We ask that chairs be fiscally judicious to enable us to respond to any possible shortfalls in revenue ... or unanticipated expenses. And in fact, our insurance renewal has seen a premium increase of 27%...the impact of getting a new roof!

For more information about report, click [here](#).



UUVF Blog

John Swinburn

Debut of UUVF Blog:

The Sacred and the Secular

The UUVF Communications Committee has created a blog intended to enable Members and Friends of UUVF to communicate with one another and express their ideas and philosophies about matters religious and civil and to engage in conversation about those matters. For further **information** about posting on the blog, click [here](#).

To go to **blog**, click [here](#).





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The picnic at Cortez Pavilion is scheduled on **September 20th from 5-10:00**. The meal is being catered by Clampit's Country Kitchen and the cost is \$11.00 per person. The sign-up sheet is available in the community hall on Sundays along with an envelope to put your cash or check in. Please check off paid when you do so.

We hope that many will attend! This event kicks off our social calendar for the year. Games will be included. This will be a great opportunity to get to know your fellow UU's even better.

The next event will be a trip to the **Clinton Library** scheduled on **October 15th**. We are going there to enjoy the Washed Ashore exhibit: Art to save the Sea. We will meet at the **East Gate at 9:00 to car-pool**. The cost is \$8.00 for seniors, and we will have lunch on site.

Building & Grounds

"Ducky" Berkley

The building committee has been meeting with companies, getting bids to do the siding. We will bring the proposal to the congregation on Sunday, Sept. 15th after the service. This has been a 3-year process that Cliff Harrison has put his heart into. Thank you, Cliff.

C4K has been given another class room, since their work continues to increase. They are doing wonderful work and putting our church in great standing in the community.

We have baby changing tables installed in men's', women's' and non-gender restrooms. Please know all grandchildren are welcome and can be cared for.

Fall cleanup day is postponed until after the project siding is done.



Adult Education

Warren Searls

Applications are now being accepted

Fall 2019 Leadership Class

The class will consist of five two-hour sessions. The class has been specifically designed for UUVC by Janet Holt and Penny Beed. The sessions will be led by Warren Searls. The Leadership Class Goals are:

- (1) To help people become invested in UUVC by having a good understanding and commitment to our mission, vision, and to meet the goals of our Long-Range Plan.
- (2) To develop leadership skills in order to form a community of leaders for UUVC.
- (3) To grow the church and have an influence in the community. To be the change we want to see in the world.
- (4) To encourage more people to be involved in roles of responsibility and leadership.

To find out more about applying send an e-mail to Warren at wsearls@sbcglobal.net with UUVC Leadership Class on the subject line. **Do that ASAP**. Warren will send you application details.

All applications need to be submitted by September 9.



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. For more information click [here](#).

Contact Steve Rittenmeyer at 915-0575 or email [SD-](#)





Interest Groups (IGs)

Marlene Kloack , Coordinator mkkloackm@aol.com, 501-915-9494
For current information on any interest group click [here](#).



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.

Fiber Arts - Hooks & Needles

Will meet in the conference room on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 1-3 PM** starting August 14. We welcome any and all forms of "fiber" work.
Contact either Marjorie McClesky at: **915-0237** or Suzette Watson at: **922-3382**

UUVV Pickleball

Meet at the Desoto Pickleball Courts on **Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Paddles and balls are provided if you need them.
Contact Dane at: dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net

Dining Out for 6

Sign-ups for Fall 2019 continue in the community hall through Sunday, September 1.
Contact Janine Bethscheider at: jbethscheider1@gmail.com

Meditation

Will be starting up in August or September.
Contact Toby Hamilton at: tobyhamiltonotr80@gmail.com, **405-919-6253**.

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

Mah Jongg

Mondays at 1:00 in the community Hall.
Leave TerryLynn Marx a message at: **226-5136**

Mat 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**

HSV Village Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 12

UUVV team members ... hope you have the date on your calendar! And if you would like to be on the UUVV team, please send a note to Kim Townsan at

townsaka@yahoo.com



Tree Stumps and Toadstools



Hot off the presses. Now available at UUVV for a

\$10.00 donation. This is the Hot Springs Village Writers' Club new anthology, which features eight writers, five of whom are members or friends of UUVV.

Pick up a copy and support our talented writers!

"You can't be afraid of getting old. Old is good, if you're gathering in life."

Bruce Springsteen

"This is the power of gathering; it inspires us, delightfully, to be more thoughtful; in a word, more alive."

Alice Waters

August Celebrations



9/3	Paul Lakey
9/4	Robert Stark
9/5	Marion Sowka
9/8	Jay Williams
9/13	Daryl Wedwick
9/14	Pat Hearn
9/21	Debbie Bostick
9/21	Ozzie Ramsey
9/21	Mayo Stiles
9/24	Debbie Walsh
9/28	Sheila Ford
9/28	Bob McCleskey
9/30	Cloe Bayer



9/3	Patti & Terry Dacus
9/17	Darleen & Jim Tripcony
9/18	Tom Drake & Quay O'Hara
9/20	Cindy & Alex Perez
9/28	Bridgit & Franz Van de Kop

Contribution Information

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

Submissions and Inquiries: Cindy Perez
at: pcindyp55@gmail.com

Sunday Service Information

Sept 01	Worship	"Water Communion " Rev. Mark
Sept 08	Insight	Planned Parenthood, Penelope Poppers
Sept 15	Worship	Rev. Mark
Sept 22	Insight	Buffalo River Watershed Alliance – Ellen Corley
Sept 29	Music on Barcelona	I.J ROUTIN with the Clyde Pound Trio.
July's Share the Plate		Lucie's Place
Totaled \$1995.25		
August Share the Plate		Clarion Call

Attendance for July

Worship Service	215
Insight	162
Total	377

About UUVC

UUVC : [Unitarian Universalist Village Church](http://www.uuvc.org)

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

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

Video Sermons: <https://www.uuvc.org/video-sermons.html>

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.



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.

