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November 2019 THEME: Abundance



Spiritually Fearless

Rev. Mark Walz

Why Fear?

I forget who said, “Love is what we are born with, fear is what we learn.” I agree completely.

Why do we teach children to fear? It often starts in Sunday School. How do we benefit by being God-Fearing people? Why not teach honor, courage, trust, and love? Why not trust God? Why not trust the Universe? Why not trust life? The word we have translated so often in the Bible as fear is just as easily translated as ‘love’. Love God with your whole mind, heart, and soul.

We insist on teaching fear even now. Fear of each other, fear of migrating humans, fear of the future, fear of death. How does fear assist us in living lives that matter?

Every generation has been challenged to the very limits of its capabilities. And now it is our turn to face another uncertain future. We need courage and honor, and trust in each other if we are going to reverse the damage to our planet and secure a new and better future for our children and grandchildren. And for the living system that will support them.

The spiritual journey is the un-learning of fear, and the un-learning of our prejudices – and the acceptance of love back into our hearts. Love is the essential reality and our purpose here on earth.

See you in church, Earthlings



From the President

Janet Holt

White Hats

At the Sunday Conversation after services last Sunday, our guest speaker, Philip Martin talked about how television and social media has affected our country. He pointed out that people who get all their news from TV often don’t understand what they’re consuming is entertainment—not journalism. And the information on social media can be fact, fiction or outright propaganda. He said something I found disconcerting. I don’t recall his exact words but the gist was this: He has always seen our diversity in the United States as a strength and a defense against radical fringe elements. Now the internet has allowed people from vast distances to connect with one another to find affirmation for their beliefs. To form communities based on malignant ideologies. Philip said he is no longer as confident as he once was that good will triumph over evil.

I remember Saturday mornings when I was a kid sitting in my PJ’s in front of the TV watching my favorite shows. Everything always came out OK. No matter how dire the situation, you knew the cavalry would appear, Lassie would find Timmy and the truth would always come out.

No, I do not wish to return to the naivete of those simpler times but I confess I miss the peace of believing wholeheartedly that the guys in the white hats always win.

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Green Team

Janet Holt

Thoughts After the Fair

We had a wonderful day at the Eco Fair last Sunday. Kudos to the Culinary Team who showed everyone just how delicious a plant-based menu can be. A huge thanks to the set up and clean-up crews who worked tirelessly to get everything in place and back again. And to all the people on the Upcycle Team who demonstrated their creativity with unexpected items that would otherwise have found their way to landfills. And to the Green Living Team who worked the tables and helped with registration and games. There are way too many people to thank individually in the space allowed so here's a big virtual hug to all of you who were involved in the Eco Fair. I love you guys. To Deanna Tolliver, who helped with everything, I am so thankful you came to UUV!

Our Insight Service, entitled "Reduce/Reuse/Refuse/Rethink" was designed to explain the role of the Green Team in our church and our community. I hope our talks made the point that the environmental problems we face are everyone's responsibility that we cannot leave to someone else—or a technology miracle—to solve. Join us on the Green Team. There's a place for each and every one of you on it.



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.



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Nor do I wish to return to the cynicism of the 60s when I stopped believing in anything. I want truth. I want justice. I want us to stop trying to win and to start caring about each other and the earth.

It's our turn to put on the white hats. To model civility. To demonstrate critical thinking skills. We are uniquely positioned to do this. This is a basic tenet of Unitarian Universalism—to question, to learn, to think for ourselves. And when I look around at the incredible amount of talent and knowledge in our church I see we have to have approximately a zillion years of education between us. One of the Democratic presidential candidates sells hats with "MATH" stitched on them, an acronym for "Make America Think Harder." Regardless of our politics, that's an idea we can all get behind.



Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

Financial results through September continue to show a surplus as revenue exceeded budget by \$3,181.

This variance is primarily driven by an acceleration in pledge payments by some members and friends.

On the expense side, we are running under budget by \$3,161 resulting in net income of \$13,116.

September financials reflect a change to our cash position as we expended \$25,000 for the deposit on our siding.

Committee chairs are encouraged to review their budget status by checking out the most recent financials located on the UUV website. The adjusted budget, reflecting a reduction for contingency, is also located on the UUV site.

"If you want love and abundance in your life, give it away."

Mark Twain

(Samuel Clemens)



Membership Snippets

Veronica Zuege

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Elizabeth Andrew

Thank you to the Membership Committee members who always come through. Susan Atchley maintains the photo gallery which is now updated and posted in the Community Hall. You can also access it on the UUVC website. Bari Searls is our Welcome Visitor Coordinator. She asks new visitors for contact information, and Pam Harrison keeps records of attendance every Sunday. Susan, Bari and Pam are best examples of the UUVC family's heart.

There is always a place for you on our team too.



Events Committee

Dee Offerman and Stephanie Hubbard



The Events Committee planned an excursion to the Clinton Library on October 15th to see the Washed Ashore art exhibit--Art to save the Sea, followed by lunch.



The Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, November 24th following church services. We are asking that everyone sign up EARLY so that the turkeys can be ordered from Clampit's Country Kitchen. Also, be sure to sign up for the dish that you will be bringing. This event is well attended and a great opportunity to visit with your UUVC family!



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), 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/>



Social Justice

Sue Loberg

Maria Roubik has joined the committee and we are very happy to have a new member. We are starting a mentoring program as some of the members having been doing the same jobs for many years. We prepared 140 lunches at Jackson House last month. Check the signup sheet in Community Hall and see if you can donate your time and talents to prepare lunches or at the thrift shop. The volunteers are only committing one day at a time. It is not a long term commitment. Don't forget to check out the blue bins in the church office hallway for items to help support Jackson House and Clarion Call. We also sponsor volunteers that read to a class at Langston School in Hot Springs four times a year. The car pool trip there, reading and returning takes about 2 hours. The next time we go is a Friday in December. Check the signup sheet. It's really fun as the students love being read to. If you have any questions talk to Martha Thompson or myself. We will be doing Christmas Baskets again this year. Martha Thompson is mentoring Dianne Morton. Check with Martha if you have any questions.,



MUSIC NOTES

John Leisenring



November begins just after Halloween, and therefore just after La Dia de los Muertos. So the choir will reprise last year's performance of **"Remember Me,"** that delightful award winning song from "Coco." The following full service will feature the marvelous Pete Seeger statement against war: **"Where Have All The Flowers Gone."** Enjoy.

*"The most exciting rhythms seem unexpected and complex;
The most beautiful melodies simple and inevitable."*

W.H. Auden

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Are you wondering which committee you should talk to for that great idea you have? These and other questions may be answered by viewing the **New UUVC information Flow Chart.**

Check it out by clicking [Here.](#)



11/2	Marlene Kloack	11/20	Steve Rittenmeyer
11/5	Tracey Arnaud	11/21	Dane Nielsen
11/9	Myra S. Rustin	11/22	Jerry Offerman
11/10	Bud Forbes	11/23	Ben Wright
11/10	Warren Searles	11/26	Mary Thames Bundy
11/10	Linda Sprague	11/28	Sharon Allen
11/15	Dave Walsh	11/28	John Baddaker
11/16	Destiny Kruger	11/28	Linda Ragsdale
11/17	Nancy Baddaker	11/29	Nell Brewer
11/17	Donna Bojus	11/29	Dottie Foehringer
11/17	Paula Nix		
11/19	Heidi Nikodem		



Webmaster

Suzette Watson

NEW UUVC WEBMASTER



I am pleased to announce that Tom Calhoun has accepted the post of webmaster for the UUVC website. He has worked in the information technology field for 30 years prior to retirement. He has developed four websites for clubs in Arkansas using two different website-building platforms. He and his wife, Jeanie, are very active hikers in the Ouachita Mountain Hikers club. They travel around the country in their travel trailer, hiking and visiting national parks and other outdoor attractions. They also enjoy bicycling, kayaking and, most recently, playing boccie ball.

I have enjoyed my time on the website and am thankful for the support of so many fellow editors, especially Jerry Fay who continues to guide our efforts. I know I leave the website in knowledgeable and experienced hands. Tom will grow the website to match the growth and outreach of our church. Email him at tom.calhoun3@gmail.com to put items on

"At times our own light goes out and is re-kindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Albert Schweizer



11/4	Dora & Steve Cialone
11/8	Marion & Michael Sowka Stephanie & Frank
11/24	Hubbard
11/28	Pat & Bud Hearn



Interest Groups (IGs)

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



<p>Social Hours and Dining Out for 6 Our next Surprise Social Hour will be on November 4, with 30 participants signed up. And our Fall 2019 Dining-Out groups are in full swing. Contact Janine Bethscheider at: jbethscheider1@gmail.com</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>UUVc Pickleball Meet at the Desoto Pickleball Courts on Thursday evenings from 4—7 PM. Paddles and balls are provided if you need them. Contact Dane at: dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Mah Jongg Mondays at 1:00 in the community Hall. Leave TerryLynn Marx a message at: 226-5136</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Meditation Contact Toby Hamilton at: tobyhamiltonotr80@gmail.com, 405-919-6253. if you would be interested in this group.</p>

"Not what we have but what we enjoy, constitute our abundance."
Epicurus

"Doing what you love is the cornerstone of having abundance in your life."
Wayne Dyer

Sunday Service Information

Nov 3 Worship	Rev. Mark "Freedom of Speech"
Nov 10 Insight	Jim Scott "A Special Music Program"
Nov 17 Worship	Rev. Mark "Free Pulpit and Pew"
Nov 24 Insight	Morgan Golden "Bridges Out of Poverty"

October Share the Plate Totalled \$1950.00

Attendance for September	
Worship Service	207
Insight	162
Total	369

About UUVc

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

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

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.

