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Jerry Offer-

October 2020 Theme: Mystery



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 infor-



Mark's Trail Rev. Mark Walz

Zoom-ZuuM !

No, this isn't a Mazda commercial. It is an appeal for us to become 'computer literate', as they say in the trade. During this Covid-19 pandemic, we are adjusting how we do church together. And my skills around PC's, MAC's, Facebook, iPads, iPhones, Google, Twitter, Blogs, Snap Chat, etc., were as pitiful as anyone's.

It's sad for me to remember that I once sold million-dollar computer systems to Auto Dealers, Banks, and Saving & Loans. Thankfully, I didn't have to understand computer code, or technology; we had engineers and gurus for that. I only needed to know how they benefited those industries. I left that world shortly after receiving my first laptop. I didn't even have an email address. I was a technical dinosaur. Phew!

But that was then; and this is now. Luckily, our church has computer-savvy members willing to share their expertise with me and with all of us. They are leading me into this new cyber future, and they are willing to do the same for you.

We want to share our Worship services and Insights via the internet and



From the President Warren Searls

With all that is going on I find that the hurrieder I go, the behinder I get. Goodness knows, there is a lot going on.

Stay safe, be well, wear your mask and keep your distance. Vote Early!!

Call a friend to share your Love by saying: *I just called to say Hello and I love you.*

I would like to share the following sentiment and poem with you.

“Things are tough right now. With coronavirus circling the globe, impacting nearly every citizen on Earth, the world is a weird place right now. We're all facing uncertainties about what the future will hold. We don't know for sure what will happen with our health, the health of our loved ones, our jobs, our communities, and more. It's unnerving, to say the least.

During times like these, it's okay to be overwhelmed, scared, or anxious. In fact, it's *normal*. You're not alone in feeling how you feel. I, too, feel overwhelmed and unsure. So, of course, I did what I always do -- I created something to help me that I hope will help others, too.”

*Laura Kelly Fanucci
Author and Syndicated Columnist*

To read the poem, click [Here](#).



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Zoom meetings so that we stay connected until we are free to gather in person once again. So please, raise your hand if we can help you stay connected, too.

Starting this month, we will add congregational meetings on Sundays at 11:15, on Zoom, to replicate how we met when we were in church. We would love to have everyone log on to participate when you can; to hear your responses to our Programs, to check in, and to see each other's beautiful face and hear your voice.

We are exploring outdoor events for each month, like we did for Jazz night, IN-Gathering and our Welcoming Congregation weekend, but that can be problematic for some of us. Don't be shy. You are loved and you are needed in this journey, and we can help.



Membership Snippets

Veronica Zuege

Everyone is eager to get back to church and it's wonderful that we can zoom, watch services, read Rev Mark's messages and keep each other in our hearts. Cindy Spears and Kay Croshaw have moved from the Village to be closer to their families. We'll miss them and keep them in our hearts.

I received a lovely note from Elaine Parfitt's daughter thanking us for our sympathies and said that UUVC was "very special to Mom." UUVC is special.

And special indeed is **Alana Clegg** who has been a member of UUVC for 10 years on October 17th.

Look for joy every day. It is there.



Adult Education

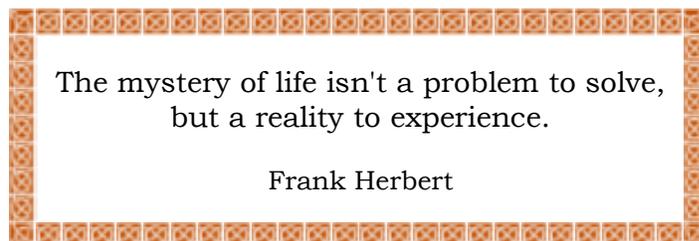
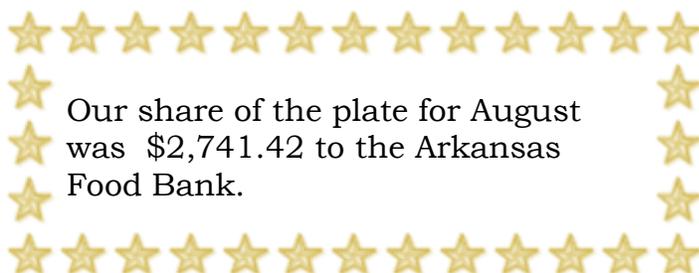
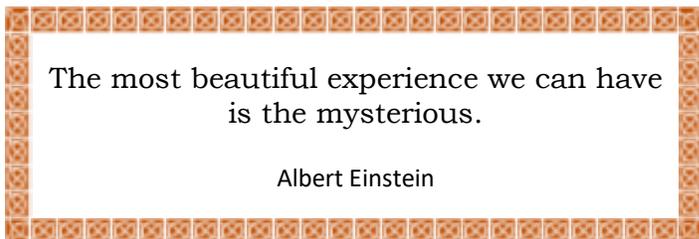
Salli Forbes

In October, the class "Participating in a Zoom Meeting: What you need to know" will be offered again (dates/times to be determined).

On November 4, 11, and 18, at 5:00 PM, Dave Welch will teach the course UU 101. This three-part class provides an overview of Unitarianism, Universalism and then after 1961 Unitarian-Universalism. The History and Theology of Unitarianism will be Session 1. Session 2 will be the history and theology of Universalism. Session 3 will conclude with a discussion of the theology, principles and practices of the Unitarian Universalism Association.

Watch for registration information in the UUVC Office email.

For description of courses please click [Here](#).





Music Notes

John Leisenring

In addition to the music that Clyde and I record with the help of our crack audio/visual department, I'm always looking for possibilities for using some of our fine choir members – properly spaced and masked of course. We are rehearsing two hymns and two anthems currently – watch for those to appear on the Sunday web services soon. And remain patient – we'll be back live just as soon as possible.

Dear Music: Thank you for always clearing my head, healing my heart, and lifting my spirit.

-Lori Deschene



Treasurer's Report

Kim Townsan

Our August financials are posted on the UUVc website <https://www.uuvc.org/financial-documents.html>

Revenue is slightly ahead of budget, with expenses again running under budget due to the church closure. We are showing net income of \$9,133 through August 31 as compared to a budget of \$5,569. In our budget, we planned for non-pledge related operating income of \$8,500...as we expected to be holding "in person" services. We also planned for rental income in our budget, an area also negatively impacted by our closure.

The importance of pledge contributions and that we were fortunate to have pledge commitments exceed our original request, will hopefully make up for anticipated shortfalls in non-pledge income.



Social Justice

Sue Loberg

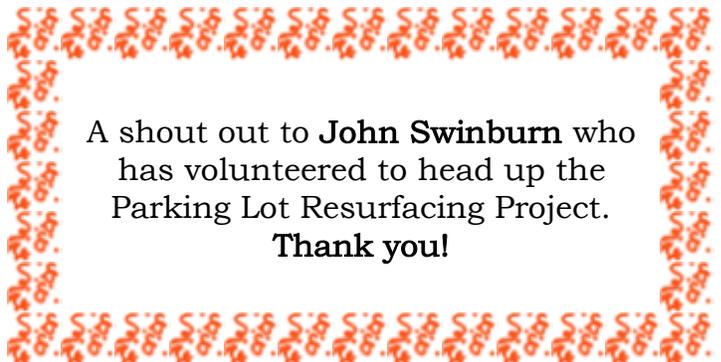
The Social Justice Committee welcomes our new Vice Chair Dianne Morton. **THANK YOU DIANNE....YEA!!!** If you have any suggestions or concerns you may contact either Dianne or myself.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Arkansas Food Bank our Share the Plate charity for August as we sent them a check for \$2741.42.

Our October recipient is Clarion Call. (<https://www.clarioncallrecovery.com/>) For newer members and friends, this charity is a 501 c (3) that is owned and run by our own Ben Wright. He has 4 houses in Hot Springs that allow people who are recently released from jail and/or in recovery, a place to live with very low rent while they look for a job, attend meetings and get back on track. Two of the houses are for women, one for men and one for a couple. Collectively there are 17 residents. Besides our monetary contribution this month we are also requesting the following: unisex jackets, sweatshirts, winter hats, scarves, socks, jeans, hygiene products, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, razors and deodorant for both sexes.

You can drop off articles at UUVc on Wed. or Thurs. 10 - 4. There will be a blue bin by the back door. (If construction on the ramp is not complete, a sign will be posted to redirect you to the bin.)

For more suggestions on how you can help out, click [HERE](#).



A shout out to **John Swinburn** who has volunteered to head up the Parking Lot Resurfacing Project.
Thank you!

Birthdays

10/7	Pati Trippel
10/9	Phyllis Costea
10/9	Mary Ransom
10/9	Rev. Mark Walz
10/15	Elizabeth Foster
10/18	Dora Cialone
10/19	Martha Thomson
10/20	Craig Johnson
10/21	Cindy Nance
10/21	Maria Roubik
10/21	Joe Sara
10/21	John Swinburn
10/23	Salli Forbes
10/23	Cliff Harrison
10/23	Joe Stout
10/24	Alicia Fetters
10/29	Bill Johansson
10/29	Michael Sowka
10/30	Janet Holt

Anniversaries

10/8	Cliff and Pam Harrison
10/13	Joel and Nancy Unowsky
10/20	Court and Shirley Mathey
10/22	Kim and Jamin Townsan



Events Dee Offerman & Stephani Hubbard



The scavenger hunt and tailgate party held on Saturday, September 19, was a huge success. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and it was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to socialize. The grand prize winners were Patty Dacus and Colleen Boardman. They won a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Kraemer Wisconsin Cheese shop on Highway 7. In October, the UU Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large comes in to play as we go out to vote.

Early Voting: Oct. 19th—Nov. 2nd
Mon. - Fri. 8:00-6:00 Sat. 10:00-4:00
Ends 5:00 Nov. 2nd

ELECTION DAY Nov. 3rd, 7:30—7:30

Garland County: UU Church
403 Barcelona Road HSV
Saline County: 110 La Plaza W. Suite 3
(north side of Highway 5) HSV

In November, the Events Committee is planning a Zoom meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00. We are asking that everyone who wishes to participate share a special holiday memory. More information will be coming. The Events Committee is now meeting monthly, outside the church. We are always brainstorming fun ways for us to interact during these challenging times.

UUVC Scavenger Hunt Participants



Photos on sides by Kim Townsan
Center photo by Dee Offerman





C4K

Bob McCleskey



Dr. Jade Sierra,
C4K Director of
Placement &

C4K Continues Keeping Kids in Computers

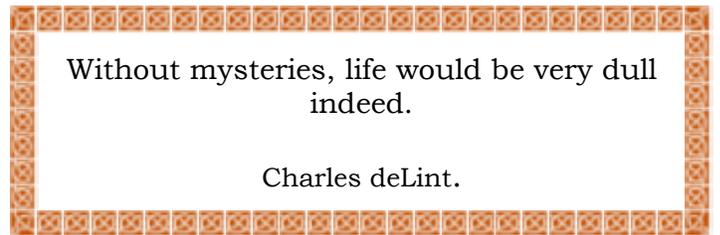
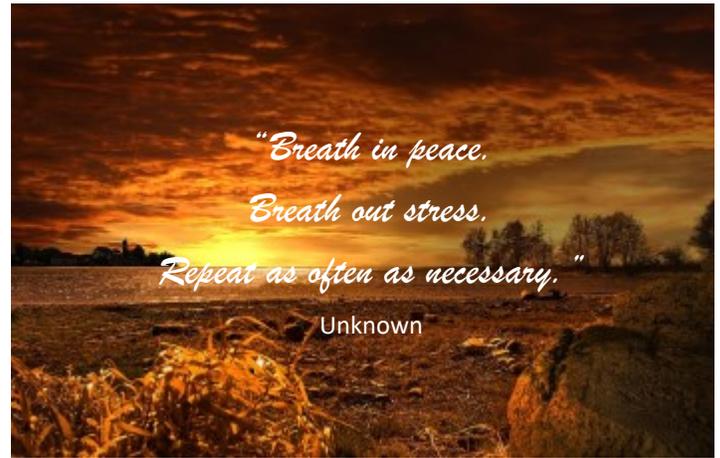
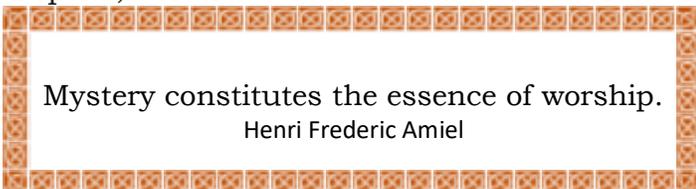
By John Swinburn

Despite the restraints imposed on all of society as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UUVU Computers for Kids (C4K) program remains active and engaged, and we need your ongoing support.

In late August and early September, Champion Christian College (Hot Springs) and Habitat for Humanity (Little Rock) received computer support from C4K; they were provided with four and eleven computer systems, respectively. While Habitat for Community – LR is new to the C4K program, we expect that both entities will have long relationships with C4K.

By the time you read this newsletter, C4K will have completed plans to participate in the Christ of the Hills Annual Round-Up on October 17. Dr. Jade Sierra, who serves as Director of Placement & Marketing for C4K, is responsible for our participation in the event. Dr. J, as she is known, has been very active in the C4K program for a few years and is responsible for extending the reach and impact of C4K into new areas such as the non-profit world that addresses adult education. She continues her work with various school districts and colleges and directly with parents of students attending these districts.

You can support C4K by passing the word about us and by keeping us in mind when you are ready to dispose of computers. Cash donations (payable to UUVU with "C4K" in the memo line) are gratefully accepted, as well.



Volunteers Needed

Please help out if you can!

Office Worker: Part Time or Fill In Contact: Cindy Perez at pcindyp55@gmail.com

Newsletter Co-Editor : (Familiarity with Word or WPS helpful. Only until end of fiscal year) Contact: Cindy Perez at pcindyp55@gmail.com

I Spy...



Photo by
Kim Townsan

New ADA ramp construction under way at UUVU back door.



Green Team

Janet Holt

The Store is Open!

We still have Fair Trade coffee, tea or olive oil for sale and small farmers can use our support more than ever. Ordering is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. **Call** or e-mail Janet with your order and Kim will deliver it to you.
2. **Wait to pay** until your invoice with the total of your purchases arrives in your e-mail at the end of each month.
3. **Mail** your check made out to UUVC to Janet at the address on the invoice.

You may be wondering, "Why not just mail my check with my normal contributions? Great question. And here's the short answer: Because it won't be credited to your account. The longer answer: A member of the finance committee is posting checks received in the mail and the lock box. With no way to know who owes what, your payment is credited to the Green Team account, not yours. The solution? While we're working separately, I am collecting and recording payments for products and then turning them in for deposit. So please follow 1-2-3 during these unusual times. Your Green Team, your Finance Team and

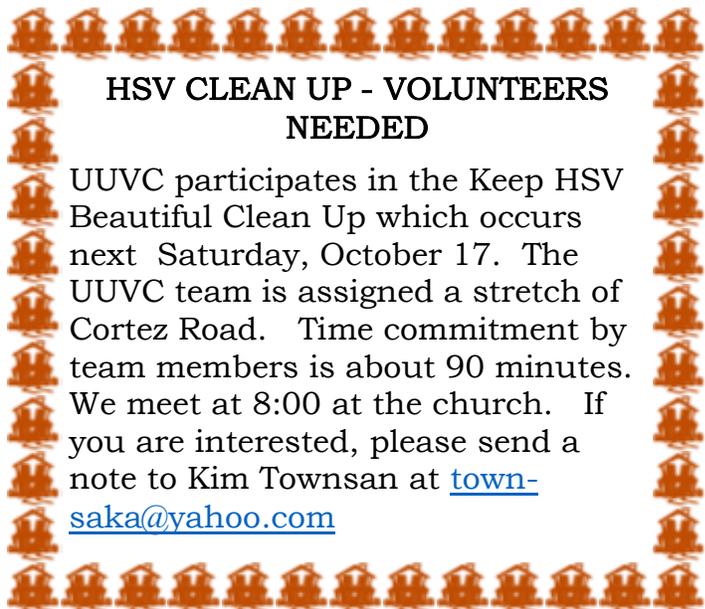


Dispute Mediation

Steve Rittenmeyer

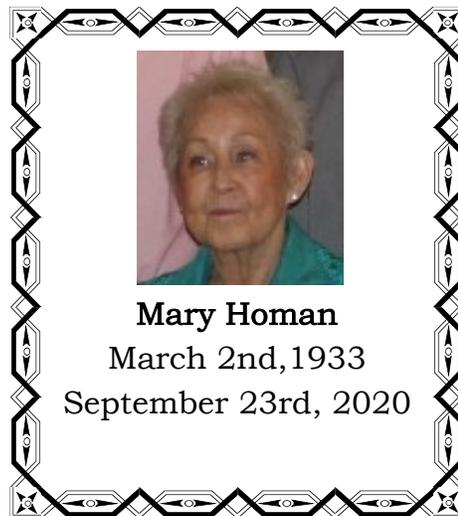
The Dispute Mediation Committee stands ready to assist members and friends in resolving conflicts which affect their life in the church. For more information click [HERE](#).

Contact Steve Rittenmeyer at:
915-0575 or
email SD-Rittenmeyer@wiu.edu



HSV CLEAN UP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

UUVC participates in the Keep HSV Beautiful Clean Up which occurs next Saturday, October 17. The UUVC team is assigned a stretch of Cortez Road. Time commitment by team members is about 90 minutes. We meet at 8:00 at the church. If you are interested, please send a note to Kim Townsan at townsaka@yahoo.com



Mary Homan

March 2nd, 1933

September 23rd, 2020

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, liber-