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June 2016 Newsletter

President's Column

UUVC President Kim Harrison



It's hard to believe that this is my last newsletter article as president of our congregation. I have one month left to my duties as president, and I really have enjoyed this journey we've taken

together. The board worked together well this year and I would like to thank all of them for their service to UUVC. Special thanks to those leaving the board on July 1 – Cloe Bayer, Meg Koziar, and Peggy McCoy. They have worked hard for this church and we all owe them our gratitude for serving!

The new members of the board – Penny Beed, Kim Townsan and Tom Terrill – are already learning the ropes and will get better acquainted with the workings of the church and the board at the board retreat we are having on June 11. And we will be having a very short board installation ceremony at the last service in June.

I would also like to thank all of the wonderful people who serve on all of the committees – they are the ones who really do all of the work around here. A special thank you to the committee chairs who are stepping down – Finance – Meg Koziar, Long Range Plan – Jerriann Neilsen, Membership – Bill Mulcahy, Office Administration – June Harris (who stepped down halfway through the year). We all owe them a big Thank You for serving and keeping up with the changes around here. Without these people, our church would not function.

I know at least a few who are disappointed that David Ruffin will not be coming to UUVC as developmental minister. But that doesn't mean the task force hasn't been busy. They are finalizing a digital brochure and other items to aid in our

continued search. See more information in this newsletter. This is a journey that we are just embarking on, so please be patient.

And lastly, this is a fantastic congregation, I don't think any of us could find a better place. ... So thank you all for being UUVC and allowing me to serve you this past year. See you around church...

June Sundays at UUVC

April Attendance: All Souls podcast, 63

UUVC, 282

June 5, Worship, Rev. Pati Trippel, "My God is better than Your God"

Share the Plate—Arkansas Chapter of Red Cross

June 12, Insight, David Welch, "Living on Purpose"

June 19, Worship, Choir Music Sunday

June 26, Insight, Merrill Clark, Faith Journey

Installation of New Board Members

Developmental Minister News Tom Tirrell



Your UUVU Ministerial Search Committee is moving ahead and is now entering the next search phase - NETWORKING. We will soon have ministerial recruiting information on our UUVU Facebook page with a link to our UUVU website. We will be telling the world why a UU minister needs to consider Hot Springs Village for their **next** career move-or their first move in their **pre-retirement plans**. We will be contacting a UU Retired Ministers' webpage in hopes of mining a few leads there as well. Once UU ministers or retired ministers in various stages of their lives find out what our Hot Springs Village recreational/retirement community and our UUVU has to offer, those considering a move will certainly want to learn more.

In the coming months your Search Committee members will also be attending regional and national UU conferences and workshops dealing with ministerial search efforts in hopes of making more contacts and getting our word out to a wider audience.

In spite of all these efforts our most important networking recruiting source may be - YOU - our UUVU members and friends. Our congregation will be heading out across the USA in the coming travel months. What a great recruiting network that could be!

While you are visiting family and friends this summer we want you to be bringing up our need for a part-time developmental minister. Start Networking!

Perhaps you know a friend who knows a minister who might be considering retirement. Start Networking!

Perhaps you will be visiting other UU churches during your travels. Start Networking! And please steer any prospects to our UUVU website and UUVU Facebook pages too.

Future candidates won't be easy to come by. Our first ministerial candidate was dropped into our lap due to our All Souls Tulsa connection. Now our congregation's network may become our best tool for getting the word out to candidates about our UUVU church here in beautiful Hot Springs Village.

Flower Ceremony, May 15



What I've Learned Meg Koziar

For three years I have served as the Treasurer of UUVU. I assumed the office not long after the death of Leon, and I needed to immerse myself in a new undertaking. Immerse is the right word, for though I was treasurer many years ago, things were much simpler then. It was a very, very steep learning curve to master the many tasks of keeping the church finances in order. With thanks to Bob McCleskey for getting me started on the job and being available for my many questions, and Court Mathey, retired CPA, for help with special problems, I have learned bookkeeping and at least basic accounting.



I have also learned that we have many generous people at UUVU. I've learned that, for the most part, the people who are the most generous, within their financial means, are also the ones who spend the most time working for the good of the beloved community. I have also learned, I hope, not to let it show when I am talking to one of the too many in the congregation who are enjoying all the benefits, but contributing little. I hope their commitment to this beloved community will increase.

This third year of serving as Treasurer has been much easier, though not without its occasional frustrations, and I am happy to be turning over the job to Kim Townsan, who both has a financial background and is a delight to work with. I will still have a hand in the finances, though, as I will continue to do bookkeeping when needed.

My thanks to the members of the Finance Committee who collect the offering, stay to count the money after church every Sunday, and take the money to the bank - especially the "regulars" Alana Clegg, and Tom Henderson, and "sub" Terry Marx. Thanks, too, to Kim Harrison and Dennis Abraham, each with such a charming way of asking for your money each Sunday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Jerry Offerman Reflects

I was recently asked, "Why do I do artwork?" Hmmm good question. My first thought, "Damn if I know." It's just what I do. Why do any of us do what we do? ...acting, writing, poetry...anything. We obviously derive something from it, enjoyment, sense of purpose, recognition; whatever. We all have compulsions and interests. For me art is a primal instinct never questioned. It's in my genes. Many in my mother's family were quite artistic.

As a very young kid, 3 or 4 years old, I remember being fascinated by a round, red Calumet baking powder can with a stylized picture of an Indian chief on it. I'm told I studied it intently for hours on end and drew it over and over with crayons. I have always been attracted to the visual and compelled to capture the essence of things by drawing and painting. As I grew older my interests broadened to include math, science, engineering and philosophy. I identified with Leonardo da Vinci, with his drawings and paintings and his many intentions. I eventually settled upon a career in engineering. Actually, my artistic abilities and my ability to visualize were a tremendous asset. Engineering requires a good visual sense, creativity and the ability to envision the end product before anything is made.

Art permeates every aspect of my life. It's a way of thinking and seeing. It instills an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The things of the world are so much more than just objects to be negotiated around and through as most people do. As an artist, I try to see, really see, the beauty in this world. Without this, the world is FLAT.

Membership Sunday June 5, 2016 & Pot Luck Salad and Dessert Luncheon

Members, Friends and Visitors are cordially invited to attend a celebration luncheon on June 5 after church service in the Community Hall. It will be a pot luck salad and dessert luncheon. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Community Hall starting in May. We invite you to bring either a salad or dessert to share. The Membership Committee will provide bread, wine, soft drinks and coffee.

We are celebrating our three new Members who took the step to join UUV in the 2015-2016 church year. They are Anais Troadec, Cindy Strong and Alicia Fetters.

Also on June 5 we will recognize and honor members who have been part of UUV 10 years or more. They are:

10 years and more

Bobbie Bateman, Ann Simpson, Phil Simpson, Pat Hearn, Cloe Bayer, Ed Bayer, Robin Young, Jerriann Nielsen, Dane Nielsen, Steve Rittenmeyer, Mary Ann Rittenmeyer, Helen Stark, Cynthia Saalfeld, Barbara Robbins, Martha Thomson, John Achor, Pat Achor.

15 years and more

Shirley Scheel, Kay Croshaw, Majorie McCleskey, Bob McCleskey, Hildegard Nyberg.

20 years and more

Meg Koziar

25 years

Dottie Foehringer, Mayo Stiles

Come share, visit, catch up with old friends; enjoy good food, and get ready for summer!!

BE SURE TO SIGN-UP! THANK YOU!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? (cont.)

Why UUVC?

Pam Harrison

A few years ago UUVC Members and Friends were asked to submit their reasons for joining and attending UUVC. The following is a sample of those reasons:

- I feel at home here, it is a place where I can learn and grow.
- I like being committed to this wonderful group and being a member shows that.
- Most of us are from someplace else, so UUVC is our extended family. Walking in- you feel enveloped by love, friendship and camaraderie.
- Safety, Freedom, Variety, Tolerance, Acceptance inside and out.
- In becoming a member, I publicly and solemnly pledge to live my faith, which to me, means stepping forward to accept my share of responsibility and to actively work to advance our UU principles.
- I feel it is very important to me to belong to a nurturing supportive community of people who take positive social action in the community.
- No other church allows someone to have their own beliefs and to express them.
- I love the welcoming attitude of all the people here.
- As a friend, I became very involved with the social action committee, programming, social activities and contributed financially, so I figured if I was so involved, I should join so I could vote and help chart the course of this church as well.

What are YOUR reasons for attending and joining UUVC? Submit your reasons to Pam Harrison at cliffh2000@hotmail.com. We will print the responses in upcoming newsletters. We would love to hear from you.

Rev. Bud Hearn announces a Summer Class Offering: Bringing Women in the Bible Alive



Why a class on women in the Bible? Basically, because the role of women in scripture has not played on center stage. It is only of recent time that women in scripture have been accorded the same attention as men. In large measure due to the increase of women scholars many of who are feminists devoted to giving women recognition in a theological and historical context. Time does not permit an in depth study of the 205 named women and the profusion of unnamed women. Highlighted will be women representing various roles, i.e. helpmates, harlots, tricksters, heroines, prophets, monarchs, victims. Their stories are told in narratives, poems, songs, laws, letters, and proverbs. Class format: lecture and conversation to follow. Note: the class is not limited to women.

Classes held at UUVC. Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, July 5, 12, 19. 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Advance registration desired. Call Bud 204-7191 registration/questions. No book required. Suggested readings.

New Board Officers for 2016-2017

The congregation elected three new officers to the Board: Penny Beed, V-P; Kim Townsan, Treasurer, and Tom Tirrell, Member at Large; and a new Memorial Committee member, Meg Koziar.



Social Action Committee

Alana Clegg, Chair



The Social Action Committee sent a check for \$1017.50 to Arkansas Hospice, our April Share the Plate recipient.

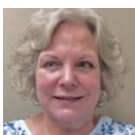
The Key Hole garden is flourishing with herbs and vegetables including a tomato trellis with tomatoes on it already. Hildy Nyberg very graciously provided the plants and the labor. She hopes the Social Committee will use the herbs and veggies for food for social events, but that everyone is welcome to see what they might like to use also.

Hildy wishes that there were more like-minded gardeners in the congregation that would be willing to help tend to it. If there is anyone who would like to participate in this project please let Alana Clegg or Hildy Nyberg know.

More compost is needed in the center of the garden, so bring your vegetable and fruit scraps and coffee grounds and dump them into the compost space in the center inside the chicken wire and replace the lid. No fats or meat scraps.

Social Committee

Cindy Nance & Bari Searls



The Mother's Day/Ladies Appreciation Brunch, May 8, was wonderful. Dane and the men did a fantastic job! We would like this to be an annual event and are seeking a volunteer Chair**MAN** for next years brunch. Any volunteers?

We now have reusable plastic cups in 2 sizes.

The Social Committee will have a sign-up sheet for people who will help with clean up after an event. We will teach new people how to use the dishwasher along with some of the other necessary tasks.

Event leftovers will be taken to Teen Challenge.

The Ice Cream Social is Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

Excursion Committee: Sam has arranged for UUV to usher at the Hot Springs Concert Band Performance at Whittington Park, Monday, June 27. Please see her article!

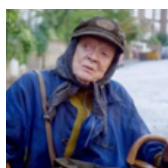
The committee decided to change our meeting date/time to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 10:00 am. Please consider serving on this committee. If you have questions please contact Cindy Nance at Cindy102153@aol.com or Bari Searls at barisearls@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to ALL the committee members: Sam, Lee, Dee, Kay, Marilyn, Stephanie, and Elaine for a Fantastic Year!

Fourth Friday Film Fest

Cloe Bayer

A special recommendation has persuaded the FFFF interest group to order the film "The Lady in the Van" for its June movie. This movie tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the eccentric Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins, who "temporarily" parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and lived there for 15 years. Written by Alan Bennett, it stars the venerable Maggie Smith as Miss Shepherd. The critics liked it; Rotten Tomatoes gave it a rating of 97%. It is rated PG-13 and is 1 hr. 45 mins. running time. Come join us on May 27th at 7 PM.



UUVV SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

SAC Committee & Sleeping Mats

Marilyn Matzek reports that Jackson House needs as many sleeping mats as we can crochet. Last year her volunteers made 47. This year in January & February 16 have been made. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11 am in the Community Room.

If you like to crochet or fold and cut plastic bags you can come and help out and socialize, make new friends and even take bags home to do while watching TV.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLUE JEAN PROJECT 2016 FOR JACKSON HOUSE THRIFT SHOP

In 2014 the UUVV Blue Jean project was a huge success. Through your generosity, UUVV donated 45 pairs of blue jeans for needy children.

This year the Social Action Committee (SAC) will once again appeal to the caring congregation of UUVV to provide blue jeans for the back to school blue jean project.

Jackson House Thrift Shop is in need of Kids' Jeans, boys or girls, sizes 6-18, new or gently used. These jeans are distributed to families who request help in clothing their children. Also, gently used men's work jeans will be gratefully accepted. Contact: Pam Harrison 915-8382 or email me at cliffh2000@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



DON'T FORGET Open Mic on June 16, Time 7:00.

Place: UUVV Community Hall. We are hoping that a lot of our favorite performers will be there.

This will be the last Open Mic for the season.

Lee and Jack lafrate will be retiring. If you want to continue the program we WILL need someone to step forward to coordinate these events.

Ouachita Children's Center Arts and Crafts

Pati Trippel

Many thanks to Cindy Strong, Janet Enders, Carol (Board member) and Howard Freeland and Alan Trippel for volunteering to work with me and the youth of OCC in creation of these fabulous journals on May 14th. The staff and volunteers agreed we had never seen the kids so engaged in a project before. I wish we could do it more often, but it is complicated and requires at least 6 volunteers to help the youth create these journals!

Our next OCC arts and crafts date is June 4. If weather permits, we will be painting a mural on a blank cement wall in the serenity garden. If you'd like to join us or be included in the email reminders each month, please let me know: Pati Trippel, at ptrippel@hotmail.com or on my cell at 501-209-9079.



Band Concert Sam Stout

The social /excursion committee has a wonderful start of summer for our church. We have been selected to be ushers for the SUMMER CONCERT AT WHITTINGTON PARK ON JUNE 27, 2016. Concert starts at 6:30. Those who would like to help us pass out programs, etc., please contact Sam @ bestmule@hotmail.com.

We also would like EVERYONE from UUVV to come and represent our church. Our church will be featured in the concert bulletin. What a great way to start summer.

Bring a picnic supper, and non-alcoholic beverages, (and bug spray) and join us around 5:00-5:30 for a wonderful evening of friends, food and music. There will be a sign with UUVV in big letters so you can find us.

Rain-out: concert will be at National Park College gym. Look at www.hotpringsband.org for updates that day.

REMEMBER: MONDAY, JUNE 27,
WHITTINGTON PARK
Let's show H.S. who we are!



UUVC Auction 2016



Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by the Men of UUVC



Dottie Foehringer receives a pendant commemorating 25 years of membership at UUVC. A plaque listing her name and Mayo Stiles.



Birthdays

- 6/2 Frank Hubbard
- 6/7 Fred Garcia
- 6/8 Warren Searls
- 6/9 Ralph Butler
- 6/10 AC Watts
- 6/11 Mary Ann Rittenmeyer
- 6/12 Barbara Nick
- 6/14 Gary Vogt
- 6/15 Junell O'Hara
- 6/17 Sandy Garcia
- 6/19 Sam Stout
- 6/22 JoAnn Bowen
- 6/25 Pat Achor
- 6/27 Kim Townsan



Anniversaries

- 6/6 Nancy Carlson & Dick Schmidt
- 6/11 Judy & Ron Saldino
- 6/11 Barbara & Bill Mulcahy
- 6/16 Christina & Bill Lammers
- 6/17 Jerriann & Dane Nielsen
- 6/18 Pat & John Achor
- 6/24 Pati & Alan Trippel

Resolve Your Conflicts

Steve Rittenmeyer

The Conflict Resolution Committee stands ready confidentially to assist members and friends in resolving disputes and misunderstandings with other congregants that affect their lives in church. For more information about the conflict resolution process, please contact:

Steve Rittenmeyer, 915-0575,
SD-Rittenmeyer@wiu.edu
or
Cloe Bayer, 922-3810,
cloebayer29@sbcglobal.net

Sonnet to Conflict Resolution: An Iambic Introduction

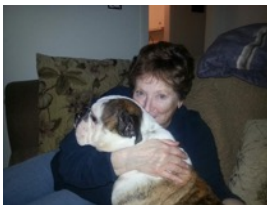
Myra S. Rustin

At UUVC we have a fine fix
for arguments falling outside the norm
Turn to the hero and heroine mix;
mediate privately following form.

Start with a quiet discussion of gripes.
See if the road leads to easy accord.
If this attempt doesn't help clear the pipes,
explore where better solutions are stored

Two mediators will help you decide,
using tools they sharpened with study.
Their methods will neither shame nor deride
but calm down waters, clear what is muddy.

Should you fly into misunderstandings
CRC offers happiest landings.



Poetry Corner

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sat reclined.
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to mind.

To her fair works did nature link
The human soul that through me ran
And much it grieved my soul to think,
What man has made of man.

Wordsworth

A Note from Mayo Stiles

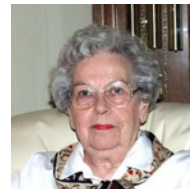
To my Priceless UUs!

Please accept my most heart felt thanks
for your kind presentations on Mother's Day. I
have never felt so honored and loved.

The beautiful plaque will brighten any
dark days and the thoughtful remarks were
typical of you wonder people!

Love you all!

Mayo



Try the UUVC Website:
www.uuvc.org



Interest Groups (IGs)

Barb Austin & Judy Johnson, IG Coordinators



Enjoy the company of people with a similar interest by participating in one of the Interest Groups (IG). There are now eight active groups to choose from, so stop by the IG table on Sunday mornings to check out the folders that provide information about each group. It's great to participate in more than one.

Also, if you have a special interest that is not currently represented, contact me (501-781-8489 or email: austibe@gmail.com) to inquire about starting a new group.

Game Night

Come to play board/card games on the 2nd Saturday of each month (June 11.) Game night will be held @ 5:00 PM. We will eat first and play games afterwards. Bring a dish to share. It's always a surprise!
(Kay Croshaw)



Fourth Friday Film Fest

Please watch the bulletin for information on the film selection but please mark June 24 on your calendars for the next film night. (Cloe Bayer)



Grief Support Group



The Grief Support Group has been meeting since November 2009, providing comfort and support to those who wish to attend. Grief Support meets the second Monday of each month, at 10:00am. (Cynthia Saalfield, 915-8577)

The Poetry Group

This group was formed by people who write or have written poetry, but has expanded into a poetry appreciation group. If you enjoy reading poetry, come, join this fun group.

The next meeting will be June 9 at 10:00 in the library. (Lee lafrate)



Dinner for 8



If you are not participating in *Dinner for 8*, you are truly missing a good time and delicious food. This season of *Dinner for 8* has two groups that are active. So far they are enjoying barbeque, Indian chicken curry, traditional American cuisine, a fiesta dinner, shrimp with mushrooms and a Puerto Rican pork dinner. Now, how can you resist when you have all those flavors tempting you? And—the groups are not even completely finished with the cycle of dinners yet.

The excitement of *Dinner for 8* from the last cycle was so far reaching, one group would not let go. They decided to continue as an adventure dining group, and they are now dining out in Little Rock seeking ethnic cuisine restaurants. They have met once at a Mediterranean restaurant and are scheduled next month for one that serves Czech food. So, see what you are missing when you haven't joined *Dinner for 8*. There will always be a place for YOU! Sign up for the next cycle, which could begin in late summer if there is enough interest.

Table Tennis



The group meets on Tuesdays from 4:30-6 pm. We will continue with the current schedule until further notice. All skill levels are welcome and a good workout is had by all. Please join us!
(Jay Williams, 922-1849,

jayw66@gmail.com)

Meditation Group

This is a new group. We recognize it is sometimes easier to meditate in a group than by oneself, so we are creating a sangha. We are all learning, and welcome anyone who would like to meditate with us.

We meet Monday afternoon 4:30-5:30 and Wednesday mornings 8:30-9:30 in the Church library. You are invited to join either or both times. (Quay O'Hara, 501-984-2030)



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