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March 2019 THEME: JUSTICE

Mark's Trail

And Justice For All



Rev. Mark Walz

Winston Churchill advised that we must never waste the opportunities that come from catastrophe or crisis. The idea underlying this statement is that although we have been shaken by recent events, and everything around us seems to be experiencing great upheaval, we also have the opportunity of looking at everything in a completely fresh light.

Dr. Saj-Nicole Joni writes that 'significant opportunities lie in a world turned upside-down.' It will require great courage and leadership, but the opportunity exists for us to look with fresh eyes at how we understand the systems that propel our national journey - economics, food, health-care, education, the environment, our safety net, religion, and of course politics.

Dr. Joni suggests that two things are critical for taking advantage of this crisis. She suggests that the first is to ask ourselves a question: "What can we do now that we couldn't do before?"

This may be the moment when we commit to changing everything; trying what was once thought to be unthinkable. Is NOW finally the time to complete the tasks of universal healthcare, energy independence, unlimited

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From the President



Dave Welch

March is Women's History Month. It has not always been so. Even into the 1970's the role of women in America's growth and history was virtually an unknown subject in our schools. In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women established "women's history week."

By 1986, 14 states had declared March as Women's History Month. This state-by-state action motivated Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month.

Read President Jimmy Carter's Message to the nation designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

As Dr. Gerda Lerner has noted, "Women's His-

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education, and true ecology? Is this the moment we abandon the partnership of laissez-faire and greed, for the partnership of personal responsibility and the care of others?

She says that the second thing this moment requires is, "No Whining." We have our lives, we have each other, we have a shared future, and quite possibly the chance of a lifetime.

Do we retreat in fear? Or do we ask ourselves that question, "What can I do now that I couldn't do before? How does this question apply to our community, our nation, our church, and ourselves? A new landscape lies ahead if we seize the opportunity. What could our country do if it dared to be bold? What could our church do if it dared to be bold? What could I? What could you?

-See you in Church

Justice delayed, is justice denied.

William Gladstone

February Sundays at UUVC

March 3, Rev. Walz,

March 10, John Leisenring, Music Faith Journey

March 17, Rev. Walz & Rabbi Levy,

March 24, Social Justice Committee, Social Justice Sunday

March 31, Music on Barcelona

Attendance and Generosity

January Attendance: UUVC Total: 395 (202 Worship, 193 Insight)

January: Share the Plate: Literacy Council was \$1723.

February: Share the Plate: Imagination Library of the Ouachitas was \$1858.

March: Share the Plate: will be Jackson House

tory is Women's Right." – It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long-range vision."

I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980.

I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality -- Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul.

Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people.

This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that "Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Our Unitarian-Universalist values have promoted women's rights throughout our history. Look at some of the women in our history who have made us a better and more just people. Olympia Brown (1835-1926), Sophia Lyons Fahs (1876-1978), Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), Cecilia Payne Gaposchkin (1900-1979), Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911), Viola Gregg Liuzzo (1925-1965), Mary Livermore (1820-1905), Margaret Moseley (1901-1997), Judith Sargent Murray (1751-1820) and Fannie Barrier Williams (1855-1944). And let us honor the women in our own congregation who serve so invaluable!

And so it is.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Kim Townsan



Kim Townsan

TREASURER'S REPORT

UUVC continues on solid financial footing for fiscal year 2019 with net income continuing to be positive and exceeding budget. Lower expenses in Program and across multiple general operation line items contribute towards net income of \$15k through the end of January. Of the \$15k in net income, \$3k is timing related with pledge income over the amount budgeted through January.

The month of March is the kick off of our next fiscal year operating budget. UUVC's budget planning cycle begins with a meeting of all Committee Chairs in March. The Chairs then submit their proposed budgets to the Treasurer by the end of March. The draft

budget is presented to the Board at the April board meeting. Upon board approval, the budget is presented for Congregational approval at the UUVC Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5. The new budget is effective July 1.

Reflecting the growing activity at UUVC, the Finance Committee and Board have approved the addition of a volunteer bookkeeper position to work with the Treasurer. And we are so fortunate that Barbara Mueller has volunteered! Barb's experience with Quick Books will make the learning of the bookkeeper responsibilities much easier. The bookkeeper will be assisting with entering member and friend payments, issuing checks, account reconciliation along with other data input projects such as pledge and budget recording. Many, many thanks to Barb!

All Things Building

Cliff Harrison, Building Chair



Cliff Harrison

The UUVC electric bill for Feb. 2019 was down \$294.94 and 3,200 kWh over the same billing cycle last year. Most saving can be attributed to the new Entergy ECHO BEE smart thermostats.

Also, the average temperature for Feb. 2019 was 4 degrees warmer than 2018. Not all months will have this cost savings but I expect a significant improvement over the year. I am getting better at managing the thermostats, but I still require feedback. Let me know when you find your meeting room or area isn't up to your comfort level. It would be helpful if

you note the thermostat reading controlling that area. It may be that it is not located in the room you're using. Be patient, but don't be silent!

Weather dependent, the roofers will start work on Mar. 18th. Please stay out of the taped-off areas. Music programs will be catered to as much as possible, but there WILL be noise and disruption.

On the 18th, we are also having the carpet in the Community Hall cleaned, so that area will be unavailable that day. I will move the card tables out to the tiled area into the foyer for the mah jongg group on that Monday.

Religious and Secular Education

Warren Searls



Warren Searls

UUVC INTERNET CONVERSATIONS

Many of us have busy schedules but would like to have meaningful conversations about topics that affect our daily lives and the lives of others who we may or may not know. That is especially true here in Hot Springs Village for the mem-

bers, friends and visitors at the Unitarian Universalist Village Church. So, in answer to that dilemma we have started "*UUVC Internet Conversations*" as part of our UUVC Religious and Secular Education Program.

The idea behind "*UUVC Internet Conversations*" to select a topic, usually a book or article, and provide a website where UUVC readers can comment on the book and even comment on the comments. Just as if we were in a face-to-face conversation. To accomplish this Kim Traw the UUVC Librarian and Education Team member has set up an Internet conversation page. The "*UUVC Internet Conversations*" page is available to any device with an Internet connection. The password protected conversations are available only to registered users.

Our first "UUVC Internet Conversation" will be a conversation about the book "*What is a Unitarian Universalist? My First Year in Unitarian Universalism.*" by C. Mahoney. The book is available on Amazon for \$7.95

as a Kindle book or \$8.95 in paperback plus shipping. It may be available elsewhere for a lesser amount. If you do not have an Amazon Prime account let Kim Traw or Warren Searls know and we can save you the shipping cost.

The book is an easy read of 210 pages, in 52 sections/chapters, like weeks in a year. Here is how the book is described:

"What if you could spend a year with a Unitarian Universalist, hearing and seeing and doing what they did? What if you could visit a weekly Discussion Group and share your own thoughts on poetry or news or books or justice? What if you could enter a monthly Covenant Circle and explore your deepest frustrations, knowing that everyone is there to listen and not critique what you say? What if you could meditate with Buddhists or celebrate the seasons with Pagans or discuss God with humanists or participate in the Flower Ceremony or experience the Water Communion? What if you could discover what Unitarian Universalists think about death and Hell and Jesus and gender and race and politics and prayer? What if you could find out why they search through the teachings of other religions and cultures? What if you could engage in a spiritual journey that encourages exploration and imagination and wonder?"



Chili Queen, Cindy Spears with Sous-chef, Bill

UUVC Chili Cook-Off

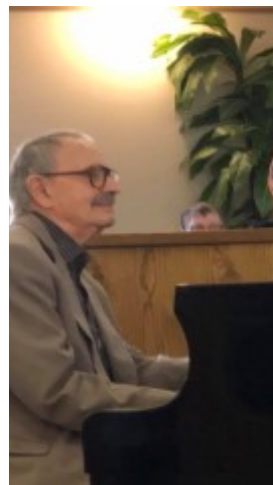
Award Winner!

The 3rd Annual UUVC Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday the 16th. If you were not there, you missed some amazing variations of the old cold weather stand-by.

(Thought to have been invented by a Houstonian, J.C. Clopper in 1828.) The winner was Cindy Spears with a flavorful, bean free rendition

that had everyone going back for seconds.

New Faces



Who is this man playing the church piano?

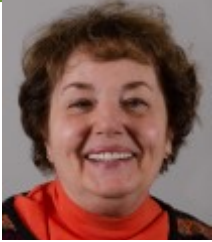
(He looks so familiar?!)

Look for more information, about this talented new friend, and his lovely wife, joining in our UU community on page 9.

Committee Updates and Other News of Interest

Social Committee

Cloe Bayer, Social Committee Chair



Cloe Bayer

The March Social Event is a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 16, at 5 PM. This has proven to be the most popular of the themed dinners the Social Committee prepares at UUVC. The menu will consist of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots, with Irish Soda Bread baked in our very own kitchen. Dessert will follow the entertainment. New this time, vegetables cooked in vegetable broth instead of the meat broth will be available for those following a vegetarian or vegan diet. Sign Up sheets will be in the Community Hall. Last day to sign up is March 12. The cost of the dinner is only \$10.00, so bring a few friends to enjoy it with you. Attendance is limited to the amount of table space we have, so please don't wait till the last minute to sign up.

Social Justice Committee

Meg Koziar Social Committee Chair



Meg Koziar

Thank you, Pam, for all you do!

Our Share the Plate for March will be Jackson House. The presentation on March 3 will be done by Pam Harrison,



Pam Harrison

who has coordinated our volunteer efforts there for five years! Pam has made sure that we have a team to prepare lunches there for the many people in need one day a month (and lately, an additional day every-other month). (Thanks, volunteers!)

She has also taken the grocery donations in the hallway bin to the Jackson House pantry, and organized and publicized special collections of non-perishable foods when the JH shelves were getting bare.

Pam also makes sure we have a couple a volunteers (thanks, volunteers) one day a month at the main Jackson House thrift shop, and she personally volunteers one day a week at the second JH thrift shop on Albert Pike. The summer Jeans drive was her idea, and we came through for the third time with jeans for lots of little kids to wear to school.

Jackson House was the first community organization that our small congregation decided to support back in 1997, and we have continued donating time, skill, money, food, clothing and LOVE for over 20 years.

Cluster brings Arkansas UUs to share support, resources, wisdom, and friendship. As we get to know one another, we get to know UU better. From my own wonderful experiences, I encourage you to attend. Feel

free to call me (Myra Rustin) at 501-204-4999. My enthusiasm for Cluster can be quite contagious!

2019 Arkansas Area Unitarian Universalist Cluster Meeting
Listening, Learning, Leading
All are welcome in beautiful Fayetteville - March 29-30, 2019

Rev. Carlton Smith will facilitate deep conversations during which we will share and listen to diverse perspectives of others and learn how to better lead our UU congregations into the future. Younger members are especially encouraged to participate.

Friday Night will feature a concert by award winning folk artists: *Something Better*

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville
101 W Cleveland St., Fayetteville, AR 72701

To learn more and to register for deep learning, good food, and plenty of fun go to the link on our calendar at: www.uuofayetteville.org

Please email Julie Schroeder at julie@uuofayetteville.org if you have any questions.

Justice discards party, friendship, and kindred, and is therefore, represented as blind.

Joseph Addison

From Our Readers

(This is a new column for which I would like input from our congregation at large. Anything of insight or inspiration will be considered. Poems, anecdotes, pictures, or even links to something on the internet that resonated with you. Please let us have your voice too. requirements: Less than 500 words or equivalent space.)



Insight Music

What is the rhyme or reason for the music played during the offering at Insight Services?

We try for a couple of things. First is to make the music upbeat, and second to relate to the monthly theme, Insight topic, or Share the Plate recipient. Last Sunday, the song "Imagination" by the Quotations, a Doo Wop group from the early 60's was featured. Share the Plate recipient was Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. See if **you** can make the connection next time.

Dane Nielsen

God's mill grinds slow but sure.

George Herbert

Membership Snippets

Membership Chair: Ronnie Zuege



The Membership Committee is now working on several special events, one being the Friends' Event on March 27th. More details will follow.

Ronnie Zuege

Thank you to Susan Atchley for taking over our Photo Directory. If you have not had your picture taken, consider that we would like to post an updated gallery in the Community Hall soon. Pam or Cliff Harrison usually have a camera on Sunday mornings.

From the Editor

Cindy Perez



I Need Your Help

I am asking you, the congregation, to be my eyes and ears. I am going to be doing this job remotely some of the time. Even when I am here, I still miss things. If you see or hear about something you feel should be in the newsletter, please send me a text with a little write-up, picture, or the pertinent information. Not all information is covered by the committee chairs. **You** are all a vital voice to what is taking place in our committee.

Cindy Perez

(pcindyp55@gmail.com)

March Celebrations



3/1 Janet Fitch	3/14 Jack Iafrate
3/1 Georgia Pound	3/14 Monica Meyers
3/2 Mary Homan	3/17 Heather Ross
3/2 Lorraine Ridley	3/19 Dennis Abraham
3/8 Cindy Perez	3/27 Terry McCoy
3/10 Patsy Slezak	3/28 Quay O'Hara



3/10 Peggy & Terry McCoy
3/18 Mary & Homan
3/23 Nell & George Brewer
3/26 Martha & Darrell Graham

Interest Groups (IGs)

As far as volunteer positions go, being the **INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR** is easy and now **AVAILABLE**. The job consists of updating the display board occasionally and once in a while informing the newsletter editor of any changes. If interested, contact Ronnie Zuege at **922.3878** or email **vzuege@gmail.com**.



Enjoy the company of people with a similar interest by participating in one of the Interest Groups (IG). 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 at 501-922-3878 or email vzuege@gmail.com to inquire about starting a new group. Ronnie Zuege, IG Coordinator



Game Night

Come to play board/card games on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 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!

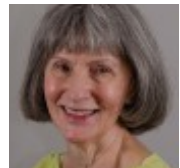
(Marjorie Lakey, 262-8231)



Meatless Meal Group

The Meatless Meal Group is experimenting with monthly evening gatherings at which we share appetizers. To learn more, contact

Sue Loberg.



Mah Jongg

Currently, our mah jongg group is playing most Mondays at 1:00. If you would like to join us, or suggest another time to play.

(TerryLynn Marx, 226-5136 - leave a text)



Fourth Friday Film Fest

The Wife

Glenn Close has been nominated by the Academy Awards for "Best Actress" for her title role in "*The Wife*", which will be the movie shown on March 22nd. Whether she won an Oscar or not will already be known by the time you read this, but her performance is said to be the best of her long career. "*The Wife*" received an 85% favorable review by the Rotten Tomatoes website. It is the story of a long marriage and how it begins to unravel when the husband is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Here are some critics' comments:

'It functions effectively as a character drama...I wish there were more movies like this one'.....'With Glenn Close in the role, it's unexpectedly poignant and powerful'.....'Easily one of my favorite dramas of the year. I was enthralled to the very last second'.....'An intelligent drama that treats the disempowered heroine with the respect she deserves'. Another comment was that it is slow getting started, but becomes riveting later on. Join us on the **Fourth Friday at 7 PM**.

Our April movie will be "*The Green Book*", the true story of a black pianist on tour in the South, who has a white chauffeur/bodyguard accompanying him. The chauffeur is played by Vigo Mortenson. More info on this movie coming next month, but it has been getting a lot of hype and has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture.

(Cloe Bayer, cloebayer29@sbcglobal.net)



Dining Groups

Our Spring 2019 Dining-In and Dining-Out groups are in full swing and, from all reports, everyone is happy to be involved. As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions for ways we can enhance the experience of getting to know our fellow Members and Friends over meals.

(Janine Bethscheider, (501) 226-5714)



Pickleball

UUVC Pickleball is getting into the swing. We play at the Desoto Pickleball Courts on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm - later as things warm up. The group is for novice and experience players and is a social league.

For more information:

(Dane Nielsen, dane.nielsen@sbcglobal.net.)

How To Talk To Your Crazy Uncle About the Illuminati, the Deep State, and Whether Elvis Is Still Alive

Family is the backbone of *something*? But every family has the crazy uncle who insists that Bill and/or Hillary killed Vince Foster (among others) and that global warming is a Chinese hoax. And sometimes, you end up across the dinner table from your spouse's Uncle Crazy, and to make it worse, your spouse demands that you be nice because Uncle C gave the kids such a nice Christmas gift last year. So how do you remain courteous and civil without pretending to agree with all the outrageous opinions he always spouts? And, more importantly, how can you try to convince the man that maybe there is another, more valid, outlook on his Info wars-type ideas?

All people, even wingnuts, want to be respected. If your uncle says the Deep State is out to get the president, don't react with a smug reference to the New York Times article last month that methodically and objectively debunked the whole theory. If you do, you've already lost your argument and probably your audience. Uncle C thinks the Times is fake news, probably aligned with the Deep-Staters, so now you've introduced another element of disagreement that you won't win, and you've probably turned him off with your smugness. Instead, ask questions. Pretend like your uncle came by his opinions honestly, and ask him to further explain how he thinks the Deep State works. Listen to his answers and, by asking follow-up questions, let him know you are hearing him. This simple act can engender the feelings of respect and trust without which Uncle C will never listen to, much less accept, any of your ideas when you finally get around to shar-

ing them.

Try to find some nugget of agreement, and voice it. Agree that no one wants to be undermined by anonymous insider resistance, that we all deserve to pursue our legitimate goals without such roadblocks. You have now become allies in seeking out the truth. Now, share a different perspective without ever suggesting that Uncle C is full of it. Frame a story that illustrates your point of view. Ask your uncle if he personally knows any government workers - everybody knows at least one court clerk or some such. Ask him to tell you about that person he knows. Does he believe his friend is out to sabotage the government, or is she simply going to work every day and doing the best she can at her job? Ask Uncle C to imagine how his friend could possibly conspire with everyone else in her department to bring down the mayor without ever getting caught. Maybe, just maybe, you have now revealed the fallacy in Uncle C's thinking without ever disrespecting him.

And maybe, if you're lucky, you've made it all the way to the dessert portion of the meal without a fight, so now you can join your uncle in the one universal truth we all believe: That the New England Patriots are evil and unworthy of our attention.

It's too easy to walk around knowing you are right and Uncle C is simply another crackpot. But if you're willing to do a little heavy lifting, you might actually succeed in changing a mind. Or at least you will make it through another family dinner without pissing off your spouse. Either way, how wonderful is that?

Oh, and *of course* the Illuminati control the world. The fact that we don't know about it is all the reason we need to know that it is true.

Justice is the first virtue of those who command, and stops the complaints of those who obey.

Denis Diderot

Justice and power must be brought together, so that whatever is just may be powerful, and whatever is powerful may be just.

Blaise Pascal

MUSIC NOTES

John Leisenring



The choir leaves Black History Month behind, and looks forward to the Spring season. We will sing “Song Of Peace” with lyrics set to the Etude in E Major by Frederic Chopin, and later in the month Russell Robinson’s “For The Love Of Music” which we think will get you a-stompin’ and a-clappin’ Or at least we hope so. Enjoy.

And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music. Fredrich Nietzsche

The Unitarian Universalist Village Church and Music Director Dr. John Leisenring are proud to announce the hiring of **Mr. Clyde Pound** as their pianist/accompanist



Clyde and Georgia Pound

Mr. Pound’s experience includes that of musical directorships, arranger, contractor, and pianist.

A graduate of San Francisco State University, Mr. Pound has had an extensive career performing with some of the most notable artists in music, including Dizzy Gillespie, Johnny Mathis, Mel Torme, Flip Wilson, and Sammy Davis Jr. among many others, in nightclubs throughout the country.

Clyde is the Entertainment Chairman of the Hot Springs Jazz Fest, and resides with his wife Georgia in Hot Springs Village.



Future Newsletter Deadlines

For April Newsletter, March 26th

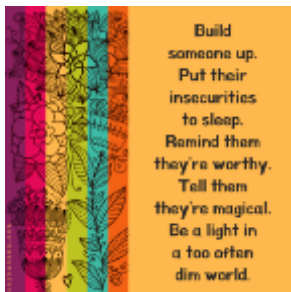
For May Newsletter, April 26th

Send to: **Cindy Perez : cindyp55@gmail.com**

Links and Random Wisdom

- ◆ **UUVC Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianUniversalistVillageChurch/>
- ◆ **UUVC Website:** <http://www.uuvc.org>

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



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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