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Jerry Offermann '16

## MAY 2017 Theme — Mercy

### President's Column

UUVC President Court Mathey



When our revered Rev. Bud Hearn started his message "Resetting our GPS in a Multi-Cultural World" on April 16 I was glad he didn't go into the Resurrection. Instead his message was more about how Jesus told his followers they could do well in the present life to help their fellow human beings. For some years now I have believed that Jesus was one who made people believe in positive thinking and was a great psychologist and social worker. I believe that this life is all we have but that we must be our best selves and do our best to help others with Love, Care and Compassion.

On April 23 Rev. Debra Garfinkel said, "May compassion rain down on you."

A missed opportunity to say 'I love you' is gone forever.

"How do I love you, let me count the ways."

"I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you."

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I am pleased to announce that Rev. Mark Walz has accepted our offer of a part-time ministry for the next five years. The contract is signed; he will start with us on August 1.

### MAY Sundays at UUVC

**March Attendance: All Souls webcast, 52  
UUVC, 321**

Share the Plate: Jackson House, \$1,353.00

MAY Share the Plate: Clarion Call

May 7, Worship, Steven Williams, Flower Ceremony

May 14, Insight, Rabbi Levy, "Mercy and Mothers"

May 21, Worship, Rev. Bud Hearn, "The Bite of the Apple"

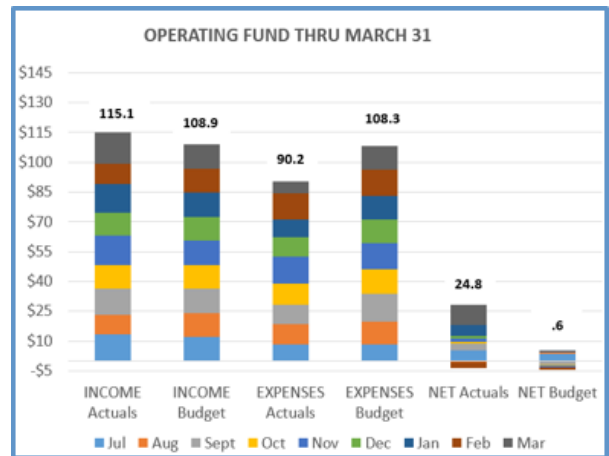
May 28, Insight, Rev. Bob Van Hook,

**Treasurer's Report**  
Kim Townsan

It's budget time! May is the month the Congregation will be voting on approving our next year's fiscal budget. UUVC's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The proposed budget was submitted to the Board, and approved at the April 17 meeting. Members will be voting on the proposed budget on Sunday, May 7. A detailed proposed budget will be sent to all members prior to the meeting for their review.

Highlights of the FY17-18 budget. Note – amounts are rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (i.e. “k”)

- The proposed FY17-18 budget is \$126k, versus our current year budget of \$145k. A decrease of \$19k.
- The expense area driving the majority of the decrease is minister costs. Our current year budget included \$49k minister expenses. Minister costs for next year are budgeted at \$29k for our contract with Reverend Mark Walz. As he will be starting in August, the FY17-18 budget includes only 11 months of expense. Our *future FY18-19* budget will need to be increased to reflect a twelve-month contract.
- The income side is also impacted by minister-related activity. In 2015, a special pledge drive, along with our 2016 service auction, funded \$35k to a special ministerial account. Our current year budget includes \$32k of income sourced from the ministerial account, of which only \$24k was used. The remainder \$11k (\$35k-\$24k) has been allocated to the proposed FY17-18 budget to be applied to minister costs. Our *future FY18-19* budget will need to be increased as a result of depletion of the ministerial account.
- **While the total budget is decreasing, we will need an increase in pledge commitments of almost \$2,000 over last year's pledge commitments of \$104k.** This is because of the \$11k of income funded from the ministerial account referenced above.



As for our current year's performance.... Our numbers continue to go in the right direction. Thank you to the generosity of our members and friends ... and expense management by our committee chairs. March again shows a positive variance in actuals to budget. We will continue to show positive variance related to minister costs as our budget did anticipate that we would have minister expenses continuing until the end of our fiscal year.

Be on the lookout for the email providing you with the details of the proposed FY17-18 budget. I encourage all members to review and bring any questions to the May 7 Congregational meeting.

	CURRENT FY16-17 Jul '16 - Jun 17	Proposed FY17-18 Jul '17- Jun 18	Proposed Increase / (Decrease)
<b>Income</b>			
43300 · Ordinary Income Received			
43330 · Pledge Income (Oper)	104,344	106,266	1,922
43340 · Non-pledge contribution	8,034	8,000	-34
43380 · Rental/Room use income	600	700	100
<b>Total 43300 · Ordinary Income Received</b>	<b>112,978</b>	<b>114,966</b>	<b>1,988</b>
44000 · From Ministerial Account	32,150	11,221	-20,929
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>145,128</b>	<b>126,187</b>	<b>-18,941</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
60900 · UUA Dues	5,745	5,684	-61
61000 · Charitable Donations	1,150	1,150	0
62000 · Minister	49,596	29,810	-19,786
62120 · Program Expenses	7,400	8,560	1,160
62130 · Music Program Expenses	12,200	12,600	400
62800 · Facilities & Related	51,593	49,518	-2,075
65100 · General Operations	9,090	8,810	-280
68300 · Conference Related	5,579	8,055	2,476
70000 · Contingency	2,400	2,000	-400
71000 · 50th Anniversary Fund	375		-375
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>145,128</b>	<b>126,187</b>	<b>-18,941</b>

# What's Happening

## Volunteer Opportunity

### Want to help support small farmers?

No need to go to the farm.



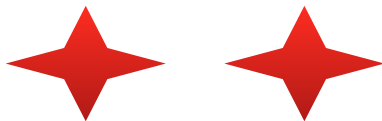
Looking for someone to take over coffee sales, including tea, chocolate, and ???

I have been selling on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays, but this is flexible.

**Any questions?**

See TerryLynne Marx, email [tmarx@live.com](mailto:tmarx@live.com).

A REMINDER: PLEASE E-MAIL CLIFF HARRISON AND TERRYLYNNE MARX FOR ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS.



Dee Offerman is retiring! For the past few years she has done an excellent job of designing and maintaining the flowers in the front of the Church, and the Memorial Garden area. We thank her for the Time, Talent, and Treasure she has donated.



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER UPCOMING EVENTS

Pam Harrison

1. May 18, 2017, a New Member Orientation Class will be held at 2:00 pm at UUVC. The class usually lasts approximately 2 hours. Light refreshments will be available. Part of the requirements to become a Member of UUVC is to participate in the Orientation class. We will provide you with the information you need to become a UUVC member. You will be given an orientation notebook, which contains information pertaining to Unitarian Universalism and UUVC.



A sign-up sheet will be in the Community Hall in April. Please contact Pam Harrison 915-8382 or Quay O'Hara 922-1920 to ensure you have a New Member Orientation Notebook for the class.

2. June 4, 2017, a New Member Ceremony will be held for those who have completed the Orientation Class and wish to become members of UUVC.

3. After the New Member Ceremony (June 4, 2017) there will be a UUVC Potluck Salad & Dessert Luncheon celebrating New Members who have joined UUVC during the 2016-2017 church year.

Look for the Sign-up sheet in the Community Hall in May.

Also at the June 4 luncheon we will recognize 30 Members who have 10 plus years membership milestones in UUVC.

Mark your Calendars, bring a dish, and come share the LOVE!

*Mercifulness makes us equal to the gods.*

Claudian

# What's Happening? (cont.)

## Ouachita Children's Center Arts and Crafts

Pati Trippel



Many thanks to Cindy Strong, Pati and Alan Trippel who led the Arts and Crafts class at the Ouachita Children's Center in April. We helped the 17 youth in attendance create String Easter Eggs and Colored Tissue Paper Flowers (see photo). We will be taking June, July and August off from arts and crafts at OCC due to summer plans on our part and programming at OCC. The classes for the rest of the year will be on the third Saturday of each month. If you would like to help out with our next class on May 20th, please let me know -- Pati Trippel, at [ptrippel@hotmail.com](mailto:ptrippel@hotmail.com) or on my cell at 501-209-9079.



## Check out the new railing

The railing has been installed in the sanctuary. The committee formed to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> UUVC Anniversary commissioned it. The ironwork was done by a company in Little Rock and the bannister was donated by Kim Harrison. It will provide safety and security to everyone ascending the steps in the sanctuary.



## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place after the service on May 7. During the meeting we will vote on next year's officers—David Welch, Vice President; John Leisenring, Member at Large; Anne Hagen, Memorial Committee and Suzette Watson, Secretary; approve the budget and vote on the congregational approval of the Statement of Conscience. UUA is urging that all congregations sign the statement AS a congregation.

*We hand folks over to god's mercy, and show none ourselves.*

George Eliot

## Interfaith Council News

Sue Loberg

UUVC is a member of the Interfaith Council. The council meets monthly from Sept thru May. The speakers for April's meeting were the School Superintendents from Fountain Lake and Jessieville. I have been attending these meetings as the temporary rep. until Mark joins us in August. I thanked Fountain Lake for the many computers that they have given us for our C4K program. Both schools are very well established with computers, tablets etc. Jessieville is in need of tutors. They have an established program where you can pick your day and grade level. They provide materials and give a lot of guidance. I have an email from the director of the program that gives all the facts that I would be happy to forward to anyone interested. Email me at [suecloberg@gmail.com](mailto:suecloberg@gmail.com) and mention "Tutor Program" and I'll forward it.



*The oils and herbs of mercy are so few.*  
Edna St. Vincent Millay



### Birthdays

5/3	Liz Miller
5/4	Don Martin
5/5	Martha Graham
5/7	Ted Allen
5/7	Ann Simpson
5/9	Stephanie Hubbard
5/12	Mike Holt
5/17	Malinda Zarate
5/18	Nola Abraham
5/19	Judy Johnson
5/19	Dee Offerman
5/21	Peggy McCoy
5/29	Mike Kloack
5/30	Barbara Mueller
5/31	Pat Reimann



### Anniversaries

5/7	Phil & Ann Simpson
5/15	Wade & Lavern Sylph
5/20	Daryl & Catherine Wedwick
5/27	Gerald & Katherine Wheeler
5/31	Mike & Janet Holt

## **The Social Action Committee Report**

Alana Clegg

The \$1,000 community donation in the SAC budget is going to Debra Garfinkel. It will be for the Welcome Table Community Center in Turley, OK where there was a bad fire.



A Clarion Call update: Many people in our UU church and a few from outside have donated very generously. Donnie Scott made several trips to pick up furniture, and other household items. Alana and Alicia delivered several car loads of sheets, towels, kitchen utensils, lamps, throw rugs, women's and men's clothes, and many cleaning supplies and hygiene items that were placed in the blue bin in the hall. Donors so far are Elaine Neal, Tom Henderson, Anais Troadec, Alicia Fetters, Meg Koziar, Alana Clegg, Lee Duckfield, Catherine Brow, and the anonymous blue bin donors.

Donnie Scott, the House Manager, was the speaker for Share the Plate for Clarion Call.

Cynthia and Alana went to the Hot Springs LGBT Alliance open house at Phil's Restaurant on March 31. It was a very nice gathering and the silent auction and donations for the food brought them \$400 for OCC and the Pride Parade.

The Arkansas Foodbank had an Open House on Tuesday April 25 from 1-3 pm and from 5-7 pm.  
4301 W 65th St., Little Rock.

The AR Foodbank will be our June Share the Plate.

Pam Harrison wants to start the Blue Jean collection again in June. We talked about supporting the Human Trafficking Task Force of Garland County for a Share the Plate in some future month to be decided.

## Social Action Committee

Alana Clegg, Chair

### Jackson House Report



The ongoing **UUVC Food Drive** continues to be a great success. The Social Action Committee has delivered 65 bins of food to the **Jackson House Food Pantry**. The workers at Jackson House Pantry say they are in **desperate** need of cereal. Other items requested are: pasta, pasta sauce, and small packets of beans. If you have already made food donations, a **BIG THANK YOU**. Please keep these Food Pantry requests in mind—of course, anything you donate is accepted with gratitude.

UUVC volunteers for the months of January, February, and March made and served 526 lunches at Jackson House. Many thanks to the kitchen crew who donated their time, service and love.

UUVC volunteers also helped out in the Jackson House Thrift Shop. Every dollar spent in the store provides \$3.00 worth of food for the Food Pantry at Jackson House. Once again, thank you for your time, service and love!

UUVC VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!

### Social Committee

Cindy Nance Bari Searls



Our Committee news is all about the Women's Appreciation Mother's Day Brunch which will be on Sunday, May 14th after the service. Ron Nance is heading up the Brunch with Dane Nielsen as advisor. Ron held a short meeting Sunday April 16th to begin the sign-up sheet for the men to bring casseroles, deserts, etc. Last year, a really nice time was had by all especially with the serving of Champagne Mimosas and Bloody Marys.

Ladies, if you plan to attend the brunch please be sure you are signed-up on the forms in the Community Hall. Ron needs to know how many places to set and how much food will be needed.

Cindy and Bari thank you for a wonderful two-year term. Our Committee members were outstanding. It was an honor and fun to serve you.

There will be no Social Committee meeting in May. Cloe Bayer will be our next Social Committee Chair.

### Fourth Friday Film Fest

Cloe Bayer



Our May film will be "Hidden Figures", the much lauded and incredible untold story of three brilliant African American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the space race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big. Both audience reviews and Rotten Tomatoes give "Hidden Figures" a 93% favorable rating. The stellar cast includes Octavia Spencer, Jim Parsons, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner. Some reviewers comments: "one of the most uplifting and triumphant movies of the year"; "a real crowd pleaser"; "an elegantly elaborate film that that marks the perfect balance between historical drama and entertainment"; "a film that works because of the chemistry of its cast, the successful formula of feel good movies and those inspiring stories that leave you in a good mood", and lastly, "not only an entertaining and heartfelt story, but an informative and important one as well." This movie and several of the cast members were all nominated for an Academy Award; hopefully all these glowing reviews leave you convinced enough to join us on May 26th at 7 pm for the Fourth Friday Film Fest. Free popcorn, as always.



## 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

### Louis Studer



**Rest in Peace  
April 24, 2017**

*Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliancy than justice.*

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

## Poetry Corner

### Cosmic Lovelight

Arlene O'Neal

A beautiful flame  
That glows within  
Each one living here  
In the earth's domain

This flame of love  
Inside our being  
Spark of the divine  
That gives us meaning

When we allow it to blossom  
Others too can feel  
Enfolded in our light  
The unconditional love we reveal

Our consciousness expands  
Expressing our highest dimension  
When we encompass all  
With loving intention



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[www.uuvc.org](http://www.uuvc.org)**



# Interest Groups (IGs)

Ronnie Zuege, IG Coordinator



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 (501-781-8489 or email: [vzuege@gmail.com](mailto:vzuege@gmail.com)) to inquire about starting a new group.

## Game Night



Come to play board/card games on the 2nd Saturday of each month (May 13.) 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)

## Fourth Friday Film Fest

Please watch the bulletin for information on the film selection but please mark May 26, at 7pm on your calendars for the next film night. (Cloe Bayer)



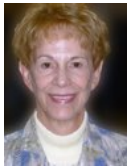
## Grief Support Group



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)

## Dinners for Eight (or 7, or 6)

Our next "dinners" series will start soon (for months March, April, May and June). Sunday, March 5 is the cut-off date to sign up. Everyone is encouraged to join us in this social UU activity. It is a great way to meet people in the church. Ask those who currently participate and they will tell you how much fun it is.



Food and friendship is the goal of this activity so sign up now at the IG table at church or by calling me. (Liz Miller 922-5457.)

## Social Justice Book Group



Please contact me if you would like to join the group for the discussion. Meg Koziar ([kozimeg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kozimeg@sbcglobal.net).)

*Hate shuts her soul when dove-eyed mercy pleads.*

Charles Sprague

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