

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Message for All Ages –October 2023

"When I venture out to bring you to shelter, that is where love begins.
When I risk my comfort to ease your suffering; when I act against hatred, violence, and injustice; that is where courage begins." Rev. Andrée Mol,

OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming diverse congregation that values spiritual growth and service to the local and world community.

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We are more than a “church”. We are a community that believes in the **Seven Principles** which are grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world’s religions.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
4. A free and responsible search for meaning and truth.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Welcome to All!



OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

- * Oct. 1st, Sunday - Trustee Meeting, 8:30 AM – (in person & zoom)
- * October 25th, Wednesday - Book Club, 2 PM
“The Midnight Rose” by Lucinda Riley (Zoom)

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

October 1st– Rev. David Weissbard
"Optimism in a Time of Despair"

October 8th – Rev. Bud Adams

October 15th - Rev. Kurt Hohmann

Samhain: Trick or Treat

The season of jack o'lanterns, spooky scenes, and trick-or-treaters is upon us once more. Do we ever outgrow the desire to hide ourselves behind costumes and makeup and masks?

October 22nd – Music with Winfield Ihlow

October 29th - Rev. Andrea Abbott
Celebrate Halloween



Farewell for now

Albert has returned to North Carolina, a great loss for us. We have enjoyed his skills and will miss his beautiful music

Pastoral Care

Rev. Bud Adams is the minister to call if someone needs pastoral care. If you or someone else you know needs to speak with a minister please contact Bud at (315) 395-1926 or (315) 637-0468. His email is bud.adams.1@juno.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock

The next Highway pickup is 10/22@8:30. Please contact me if you can help. This our final highway pick-up. I took 3 bags of groceries to Divine Mercy 2 weeks ago and I was happy to find 2 more in the collection box. Thank you. The SJC and UUC have raised \$750+ from our rummage sale. Sales can continue for a while, but we will plan a Giveaway Day, when we open to clear the basement. Any items you do not want to giveaway should be moved to the storage room, taken home or clearly marked as "NOT FOR SALE". There is ice cream in the freezer to enjoy at coffee time or at the next potluck lunch. We encourage everyone to contribute homemade or purchased winter accessories for school age children to be distributed by the Lioness group. Please present to the SJC any Christmas projects you believe we should support.

Highway Pick Up

Dear Congregation,
We are saddened to report that our many years of highway pick up and our contributions to our local community will end on October 22. Thank you Nancy and others for organizing us for many years. We do need volunteers for the Octob 22nd pick up☺

Marcia Burrell

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Erin, Arny

* T-shirts and hoodies have been delivered. The intent is to gain recognition of 1st U and create dialogue. Thus . . . wear them! If there is enough interest (need an order of at least 12 pieces) we may have more printed with a different saying on the back. Perhaps "WE ARE ALL RELATED"

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – Paul W, Paul S, Win, Arny.

* The lawn continues to be mowed at no charge by Stewart's Lawn Care.
* Clean up outside the building is being done by a number of people as they get time and are motivated.
* The kitchen floor had some water on it due to poor drainage on the Agway side. This long time problem needs attention. Low, no cost ideas are welcome.

EDUCATION FOR YOUTH & ADULTS



October has come and our theme for this month is generosity. Generosity comes in many forms. It doesn't matter what you do as long as you do it with heart. We will be exploring many facets of generosity including thoughts, words, money, time, influence, attention and belongings just to name a few. Learning to recognize that no matter what your age you have something to offer. Discussion and hands on activities will fill our classroom this month. **Ronna Schindler**

My Dearest Friends,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I cannot thank you enough for all your cards, notes, food, flowers, hospital and home visits and so much more. I'm almost better after my June 14th auto accident. I was hospitalized at Upstate for 2 months before being released. SUNY Upstate gave me wonderful care saving/restoring my life. I crushed my ankle and had titanium rods placed in my leg. I fractured my sternum, cracked vertebrae and occluded my vision in my left eye from a brain bleed. After incredible eye surgery, my vision has now been restored and the brain bleed is cleared. I'm so grateful for all your love, support and kindness you gave me. It could have been so much worse. Knowing you were there for me was so very comforting. I'll always hold you in my thoughts and heart.
Many blessings always,
Janie

UU BOOK CLUB

The UU Club typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2PM. Zoom only.

The reading schedule is:

October 23rd "The Midnight Rose"

by Lucinda Riley

November 29th "The Lessons In Chemistry"

by Bonnie Garmus

There will not be a meeting in December

It is not necessary to be member of the congregation to participate. Most books are readily available through the library or on-line, or discount books. Please contact Nancy Hallock (315) 533-7067 if you are interested in participating.

UUA Reading Suggestion

Title: On Repentance and Repair

Author: Danya Ruttenberg

Making Amends in an Unapologetic World

A crucial new lens on repentance, atonement, forgiveness, and repair from harm—from personal transgressions to our culture's most painful and unresolved issues

READING SUGGESTIONS FROM MARCIA BURRELL

This site brings you to information about famous UU Women in History. An enriching resource for UUs. ☺
<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/celebrating-uu-women-history>

UUA WOMEN OF NOTE



Margaret Moseley (1901-1997)

UU Margaret Moseley was denied entrance to every nursing program in Boston because of her race, so instead she became a civil rights activist. She founded a consumer cooperative and served on the board of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts as well as founding member of Freedom House, a leader of the anti-McCarthyism movement in the 1950s. She also helped form NAACP chapters throughout Cape Cod. The second UU Community Cooperative house in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood will be named for Moseley.

SOUL MATTERS

Theme for October is

Heritage

(Sorry I cannot access the website☹)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The Newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month. It is assembled by Lucy Stieber based on your input. If you have items, please email to Lucy at LASTIEBER@aol.com

