

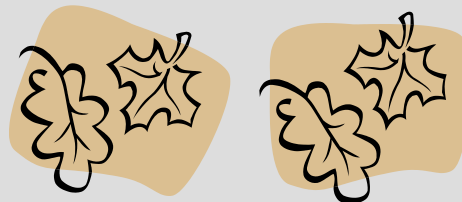


CommUnity Matters

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Southwest Michigan September 2019

September Services

Services and Children's Religious
Education Classes begin at 10:00 am.
Nursery Care is available.



Please visit our UCC website at uucommunitychurch.org where you can find up-to-date information. You can also [sign up for our Friday emails](#), which will include updated service and event information.

Sunday, September 1- "Labor Day" with Rev. Gy

Rev. Gy will share her thoughts about Labor Day.

There will be POTLUCK after the service, hosted by Marketing and Finance Committees.

Sunday, September 8 - "Water Communion" with Rev. Gy

Water Communion is a unique Unitarian Universalist ritual traditionally held at the beginning of the church year that serves to remind us of our interconnectedness and celebrate our gathering together as a community. Please plan to bring a bit of water that holds some importance to you. It can be from as near as your backyard or as far as across the globe. As long as it is a source of inspiration, peace, or joy, it is welcome in the communal bowl.

Sunday, September 15 - "How Might we Live and Love in the Anthropocene?" with special guest speakers Donna McClurkan and Basma Hegazy

About 12 years ago, Donna was asked a question by a neighbor that has haunted her. Two contemporary cultural metaphors are helping her learn her way to answering that question, and to navigate some of the spiritual and tactical challenges of climate change.

Donna McClurkan is a mother, writer and garden farmer. She is never not thinking about climate change. Basma Hegazy is a student, Sunrise volunteer, and climate change activist. She is never not thinking about the impacts climate change will have on the future if we don't step forward now to try and stop it.

Sunday, Sept 22 - TBA

Sunday, Sept 29 - "Poetry Sunday" coordinated by UCC member, Mary King

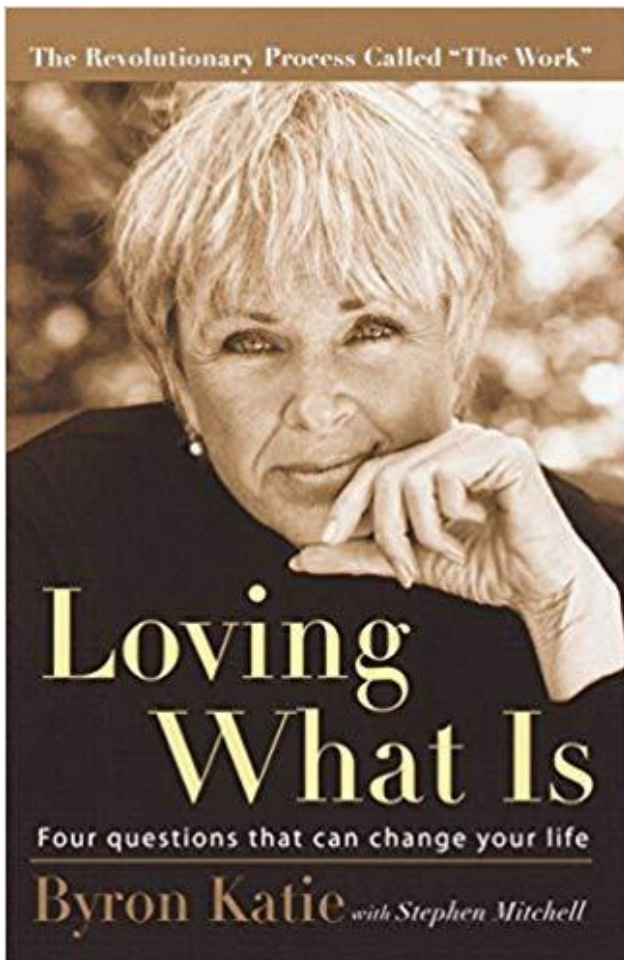
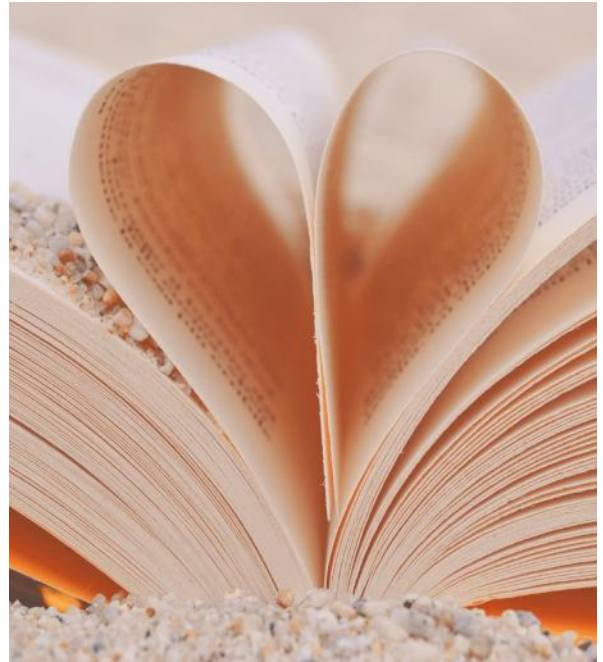
Poetry Sunday returns to UCC! (Learn more on page 2.) People of all ages are encouraged to share their favorite poems whether they are old favorites or new and not too well-known. Sign up at the welcome desk to read a poem you love during the service.

INSPIRED SPIRITUALITY

Poetry Sunday

by Mary King

Years ago, the Garden Covenant Group of ten began sharing nature related poetry at each meeting. That love of poetry grew within the congregation as we began to expose each other to more modern poets and poetry. A delightful (humor acceptable) poem concerning an over-abundance of zucchini was read by Alice Foote one Poetry Sunday and I remember a lovely and relevant poem written by Phil Najar's mother, read by Phil. Then there was "For the Garden of Your Daily Living" read by Freya Lake among many others. Please sign up to read your (children as well!) favorite poem at the Welcome Desk. Introduce us to new and maybe more familiar and beloved poems.



Loving What Is Classes

There is still time to sign up for classes based on 'The Work' of Byron Katie led Rev. Gy, a trained facilitator.

Classes start on September 4th and will meet every Wednesday for nine weeks. You can choose the afternoon session from 1-3 PM or the evening session from 6-8 PM.

A free will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of materials which will include Byron Katie's book **LOVING WHAT IS**.

Contact Rev. Gy if you have any questions or to reserve your place in the class.

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LEARNING AND GROWTH

Women's Book Group

by Stephanie Grathwol, Chair

For Friday, September 13th:

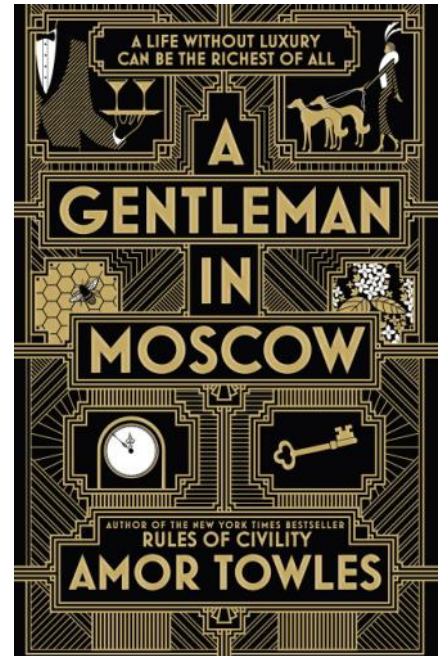
A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW by Amor Towles

11:30 AM - Lunch at Fieldstone Grille, 3970 West Centre Ave.

1:00 PM - Book discussion in the UCC Community Room

He can't leave his hotel. You won't want to.

"From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rules of Civility*-a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.



In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose." Source: [Goodreads](#)

All UCC women are welcome. Please contact Stephanie Grathwol to make your lunch reservation. Once we are at UCC, we will have a short business meeting, dessert (Hostess Marsha Laya), and the book discussion (led by Beverly Folz).



Deborah Carol Gang to Visit Portage

The Women's Book Group encourages everyone to attend the MI Pride Author Series at the Portage District Library featuring Deborah Carol Gang, the author of the thought-provoking novel ***THE HALF-LIFE OF EVERYTHING***, which explores the complexities of love and loss and new love. The event, sponsored by Portage District Library and the Kalamazoo Area Women's Club, will take place on **Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM**. Refreshments will be provided and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

LEADERSHIP

Board President's Corner

by Nancy Calme, Board President

This mighty little congregation continually surprises me. I've been with it for twenty-three years now, through start-ups, stalls, staff changes, exploring, enthusiasm, worries, and wealth. You would think this perspective would make me wiser and steadier in my confidence for the future, but I am as human as the next guy.



The latest revelation that shook me into seeing us with new eyes was the amazing energy and generosity that emerged as we took on the mantle of caring for our immigrant family. When the opportunity arose, I was one of the ones the most skeptical of whether we could live up to the responsibility. We are so small and already stretched thinly with the tasks required to keep the church up and running. What if we let the family down and their impression of Americans was stained by our failure?

Rev. Gy challenged us to be brave and give it a try even though we weren't sure we could do it. I was nervous about it and already thinking of contingency plans if we discovered we weren't up to the task. For a while I saw what my expectations allowed me to see, a few people overwhelmed, worried about meeting needs, and desperate for more help. Gradually, I was surprised to discover more people coming out of the woodwork and pitching in in ways I'd never thought possible, with a growing emotional commitment to this young family.

Denise Sonier took on the critical role of coordinating volunteers and sharing news. Peggy Clausing and Marsha Laya became regulars in their training – both in English and in driving. Denise tells me about a dozen people are already taking hands-on roles in the project, so even if I tried to name them all I would soon be missing names. Marsha and Darby Fetzer found them an ideal used car and put out the call to collect enough funds to pay for it – a seemingly outrageous goal – and succeeded! Where did this all come from?

Our core focus, "Building Bridges, Inspiring Life!" is well exemplified by the kindness we are offering to this one small family. I think we are also moving towards our vision "To positively transform ourselves and the world for the well-being of all life." What more can we do as we take this journey together, and how is it likely to change us? I am eager to watch and take part in the magic of this adventure.

The UCC Board of Trustees meets on the first Monday of the month at UCC from 4 - 6 PM (except for September when the meeting will be moved to the second Monday because of Labor Day). The minutes of their last meeting can found [here](#). Any questions about the board can be directed to Nancy Calme, Board President: nancy.calme@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Program Council

by Erin Michael, Board Vice-President

Have you ever wondered how you can be the change you wish to see? Program Council is THE place to make this happen! It is the perfect gathering at which you can make an impact. We bring up the tough conversations and step together with each other into the arena to solve issues we encounter in our programming. How can we be more inviting to our neighbors? What can we do to bring a more diverse community to and through our doors? How do we reduce overlap in tasks and congregant burnout? Every person who attends UUCC services is a member of Program Council and with each one of you, we add your unique wisdom. We encourage you to dare to be the change you wish to see. Join us next on **Sunday, September 8 after coffee time**. Below are our August discussions and plans. See you on Sept. 8!

PROGRAM COUCL DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS

Calendar Events:

- Fri-Sat, 9/13-9/14 – UU Young Adult Con at People’s Church
- Sun, 9/15 – Climate Change forum w/Donna McClurkan – need blurb for website
- Sun, 9/29 – ‘Open House’ is having a Cabaret
- Apple Class – Mondays 3:30-5:30pm in sanctuary – last class is Sept. 30
- Potluck on 1st Sunday of the month after service
- Board of Trustees, 1st Monday of month, 4-6pm at UUCC (except for Sept. - will be 9/9) -
- Women’s Book Group – 2nd Friday of the month starting in Sept.
- Program Council meets 2nd Sunday of the month after coffee time -
- Sunday Services Committee meets 2nd Wednesday of the month
- UUCC Choir practice – Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm in sanctuary, ongoing
- Newsletter deadline – 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Men’s Breakfast Group – 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30am at Burger Town Grille
- Faith In Action meets 3rd Sunday of the month after coffee time (except in Sept.)

Calls for Assistance/Who to Contact

- Coffee Crews needed / Stephanie Grathwol
- Join the Connections Committee / Steve Tasko
- Join the NEW Tech Team / Steve Tasko
- Caring Community needs (1) transportation, (2) meals, (3) memorials /Nancy Crowell, Judy Oliver or Judy Pigg Behrendt
- Online Presence Task Force (ends 10/31/19) / Erin Michael
- Notetaker for Program Council / Erin Michael
- Congo Family Volunteers, many opportunities / Denise Sonier --
- Sponsors and advertisers for Our Town production, deadline Oct. 1 /Nick Sienkiewicz
- Potluck hosts need help from entire congregation to clean-up / Stephanie Grathwol

Program Council Tickler Tasks for September

- Directory: Committee/Group chairs send committee chair and member names to Office Admin
- Fundraising Events – identified with dates?
- ISAAC dues to be paid?? ISAAC does not invoice us
- Ad for Our Town?

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Auditions

Open House Theatre Company will hold open auditions for *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder on:



September 3rd, 6-8 PM at UU Community Church, 10441 Shaver Rd in Portage

September 4th, 6-8 PM at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 Lovell St in Kalamazoo

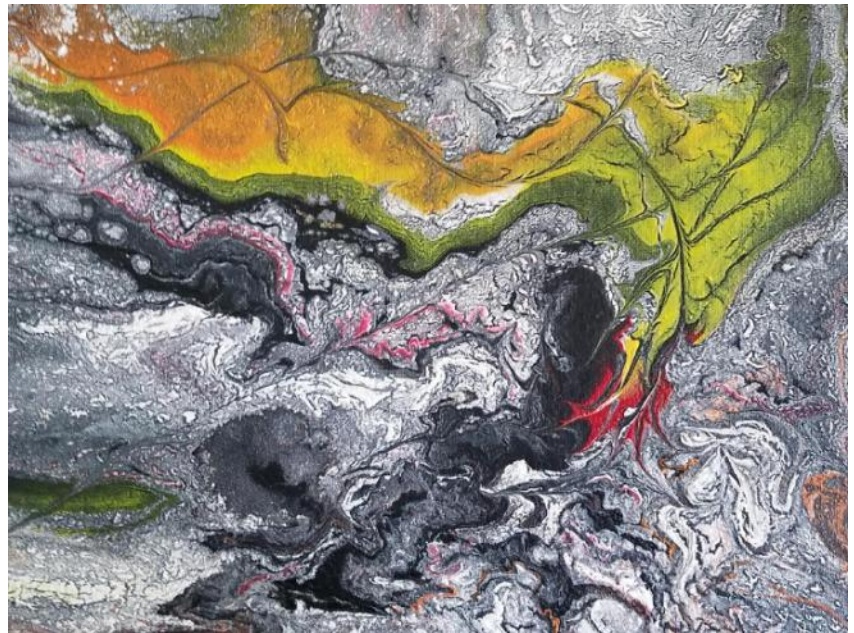
Bring a short story or poem to read. Those with acting experience, please bring two contrasting monologues.

For more information visit [Open House Theatre Company](http://www.openhousetheatre.com).

Art Wall Reception

by Lauren Ritter, Sunday Services Committee Chairperson

I am so excited to invite you to the UUCC art wall reception for our very own Mary Roscoe! Mary has been a life long artist and came out of the abstract artist closet in when she entered Art Prize 2011. I personally always have fun figuring out what I see in her art and then discussing it with Mary. I really hope you will join me on **September 1st from 2:00 pm to 4:00 PM** at UUCC.



Dragon by Mary Roscoe

Annual Service Auction-Save the Date!

On **Saturday, November 16th**, you can enjoy food, fellowship and fun at the auction that has been a UUCC tradition for many years. You will receive further information in upcoming newsletters and weekly emails. Meanwhile, put the event on your calendar and reflect on your own talents for what you may contribute .

CARING COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER CARING COMMUNITY NEWS



“The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else’s cloud. Somebody who may not look like you, may not call God the same name you call God, if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language, but be a blessing to somebody.” ~Maya Angelou

During August Sunday Services, a nice surprise happened – Jim Heveran, (a snowbird member) returned. He had been very ill last winter and into spring which forced him to stay longer in Alabama. Now, he reports that he is back in Michigan to sell his house (which has already happened) and get ready to move permanently to Fairhope Alabama. For those of us who have known him this move is a great loss. We wish Jim an easy move and lots of great sunsets in the south.

Seven years ago this month Alice Foote, a founding member of UUCC, died in Urbana, Ill. She was active in many, many ways at UUCC and brought us new ideas, and gracious entertaining. Now our report is that Lin Foote, husband of Alice, and as one UUCC member called him, “father of our church, has died in Illinois. His children, Karen and Bob, will have a second memorial at UUCC on Sunday afternoon, October 20. More details will be coming soon. They will need our help.

On a brighter side, Happy Birthday wishes go out this month to Bill Boyer and John Folz. Bev and John Folz will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary this month.

Your Caring Community point persons – Nancy Crowell, Judy Oliver and Judy Pigg-Behrendt – want to hear about your personal celebrations and struggles. Together, we can create a wonderful support system. Sharing is caring!

Generosity Sunday - October 6th



4,796 pair of shoes...in a Kardashian closet? found in Imelda Marcos villa? No, that’s the number of shoes the First Day Shoe fund provided to students in Kalamazoo County in 2018-19 school year. The non-profit [First Day Shoe Fund](#) believes all students should start the school year on an equal footing. They are dedicated to providing new, properly fitted athletic shoes to school-age children in Kalamazoo County who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. New athletic shoes foster self-esteem in students, which can improve school performance. New shoes also allow students to participate in healthy activities both in and out of school. Andrea Macklin, executive director, will join us on Oct. 6, for a short presentation on the good work this organization does.

IN MEMORIAM



Our dear member, Lin Foote, passed away in Urbana, Illinois after a long illness. A memorial is planned at UUCU on October 20th. The following is Lin's obituary as it appeared in the [Urbana News-Gazette](#).

Lin was born Jan 11, 1928, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Joel Lindsley Foote Jr. and Beth Eliza (Brainard) Foote. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice (Tanner) Foote; and siblings, Betty Foote, Mabel (Foote) Hansen and Clayton Foote. He survived by his sister, Faith (Foote) McAllister; children, Robert Foote (Cheryl Hughes) and Karen Foote Retzer (Mike); grandson, Jonathan Cohen (Marji Smith); and great-grandchildren, Cora and Lachlan Cohen.

Lin grew up on a truck farm in Brooklyn Heights, Ohio. He loved sports and played softball and football in a nearby vacant lot. He attended Cuyahoga Heights High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track, and played cornet in the band. In 1993, he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

After high school, Lin enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he spent 10 months in electronics school, reaching the rank of second-class petty officer, then was assigned to the aircraft carrier Coral Sea. He was honorably discharged in May 1948. With the GI Bill, he attended Miami University of Ohio, graduating in 1952, Phi Beta Kappa. He married his high school sweetheart, Alice Lydia Tanner, on June 16, 1951.

After five years teaching high school in Wilmington and Springfield, Ohio, Lin earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Case Institute of Technology in 1960. After a National Science Foundation fellowship for postdoctoral work in biochemistry at University of Michigan, he joined the faculty at Western Michigan University in 1965. His research involved analysis of lipid components of the blood and aorta and their relationship to diet. He was active in Faculty Senate and the faculty union. He took special interest in the physician assistant program, a study group for minority students, and affirmative action issues. He retired in 1989.

Lin was active in politics. He ran for county commissioner and volunteered for many campaigns. He was a regional leader for the aid-in-dying initiative, which was on the Michigan ballot in 1998. He initiated and was first chairman of the Kalamazoo Environmental Concerns Committee. He was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Portage, Mich.

In 2008, Lin and Alice moved to Urbana. Lin and Alice enjoyed travelling, mostly in the United States, Canada and Europe. One special trip was to Gabon to visit daughter Karen who was in the Peace Corps. Family vacations included tent camping and canoeing. Lin was a lifelong game-player, especially chess and bridge. He loved classical music, particularly opera, and enjoyed cooking and writing about his life.

IN MEMORIAM

Judy Pigg Beherendt shares this remembrance of her aunt, Mary Pigg Hayes.

My aunt Mary. She lived to celebrate her hundred birthday on October 23, 2018. She was the second in my Dad's sibling line. My dad was the oldest but died in 1995. Mary never had any of her own children, she considered her 10 nieces and nephews as her 'children.' She had a lifelong friendship with her younger sister, Addie Pigg Martin. Addie was 9 years younger than Mary. They were very close and talked to each other often. Addie lived in Florida and Mary lived in Nashville. Mary would often say, she just didn't know what she would do when Addie died. Addie was in poorer health and ended up dying of a stroke in May, 2019. Her funeral was June 8, and Aunt Mary had heart surgery the week before and had said to her doctor, I have to be able to attend her funeral. Well, Aunt Mary was able to attend her sister's funeral. However, Mary began to fail and she too died June 26, 2019.

At her funeral, the family was talking about Aunt Mary's life. The things we new about, was her graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1939. She became a pilot sometime after that. She flew regional flights until all the male pilots were going into the service. That left women pilots to instruct military pilots so they could fly in WWII. We knew Aunt Mary had instructed male pilots with their first 10 hours of instruction. However, what we didn't know was that Aunt Mary had applied to a flight school where 1,000 women applied. Mary was picked as one of the 10 pilots out of that pool of applicants. She flew regional flights around the south, like from Tampa to Birmingham. We discovered that there was a call for private airplanes to be 'donated' to the war effort. She was one that went to the home of a person who had an airplane and took the plane away by flying it to a military location.

We all wondered why Aunt Mary never got married until later in life. At the funeral, my cousin produced a picture of Mary and a young soldier. No one had ever seen that photo before. Mary had disclosed the story to my two cousins who spent the most time with her before she died. The photo was presented to us as a picture of "the love of her life." We didn't know much about this relationship. However, it was serious enough that they planned on marrying after the war. Well. . . after the war the soldier was never the same. Apparently, he suffered from what we know today as PTSD. She tried to work with him, however, she wasn't successful and he committed suicide. Around this time she had taken a position in insurance agency, owned by Hayes Hartnett. Hayes knew all about Mary and this soldier. He was sympathetic. Mary had to fly to New York for some function, and when she got off the airplane, Hayes was there to meet her. He told her he had been in love with her for quite some time and proposed marriage. Mary told him she would have to think about it. Well later, she did marry Hayes. He was 29 years older than her. They never had kids because Hayes had been married before and had 3 children from that previous marriage. However, Hayes was very well off and Hayes and Mary traveled extensively until his health prevented it.

On the day of her funeral, on the way to the cemetery, I was in the second car right behind the hearse. As we pulled away from the church, there was a police SUV ahead of the hearse. As we proceeded, there were 3 other police cars, one was a Dodge challenger, another was a Ford Taurus and a regular police car. My cousin said that Mary loved driving through downtown Nashville. So on her last trip, she was driven through downtown Nashville as the police cars took turns going ahead to block an intersection and then the procession had passed the one behind went ahead. As my father was the oldest and now all siblings in his line had died, that means that I am the oldest of the now, first generation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

R.E.flections

from Miriam Epskamp

Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth



The first UU congregation I attended as a teenager was in Farmington, Michigan. Situated in a town with a sizable Jewish population and with minister who was raised Jewish, it is no wonder that the Unitarian Universalism I encountered there had a decidedly Jewish flavor. I thought for the longest time that all UU congregations celebrated the major Jewish holidays!

It is perhaps because of this UU upbringing that in September, as Rosh Hashanah the Jewish New Year approaches, I always feel the need to turn inward and reflect on the lessons of the past in preparation of beginning again with good intention and love. This practice has seeped in to the way I do religious education too and soon I will be inviting the kids to re-examine the RE Covenant they created last September to see if they are living up to the expectations they set for themselves. I will invite them to revise and rededicate the promises they have made to each other. I will encourage them to begin again, in love.

The Unitarian Universalist Association refers to covenant as “the silk that joins Unitarian Universalist congregations, communities, and individuals together in a web of interconnection. The practice of promising to walk together is the precious core of our creedless faith.” At a recent Sunday Service I invited everyone to reflect on covenant and to articulate their expectations for this Unitarian Universalist community. I asked everyone to write down the things they could do to foster a caring community that honors differences and encourages trust and respect.

Your answers were inspiring. You envision UUC as a place where people can be open, vulnerable, and share their struggles and concerns; a place where people listen to each other deeply and without judgment; a place where people are genuinely kind and responsive to the needs of others; a place where people are active, engaged and helpful. You shared ideas about how to get to that vision too: by observing the golden rule, by making time for each other, by reaching out a helping hand, by sharing words of encouragement, by supporting those we have chosen to lead, and by always practicing loving kindness especially when conflicts and disputes arise.

A new church year can be a new beginning for our beloved community. May we get closer to our vision this year. May we practice forgiveness when we miss the mark.

L'shanah tovah! Here is to a good new year!

May it be so

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2019 Religious Education Classes

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few" ~ Shunryu Suzuki

For Religious Education this year, we are trying something a bit different. Using the monthly themes chosen by the Sunday Services committee and by Rev. Gy as a guide, we will be rotating through four different Sunday experiences each month including:

- 1) **'Traditional' RE Class** involving the usual stories, art, games, and other activities,
- 2) **Multi-generational Sunday Service** where everyone stays upstairs to celebrate together
- 3) **Faith-in-Action** featuring hands-on social justice activities
- 4) **Mindfulness** where we will focus on different centering/meditation techniques.

The entire year has been mapped out and it is posted on the RE bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Check out what we have planned and sign up to help! We would love to have you come downstairs and share your expertise and knowledge with our young people!

September Religious Education

Date	Session	Teacher
9/1	Multi-Age RE - Miracles	TBD
9/8	Multi-Gen Sunday Service	N/A
9/15	Multi-Gen Sunday Service- Teens	N/A
	Traditional RE - Elementary	Miriam
9/22	Traditional RE - Covenants	Miriam
9/29	Faith-in-Action - Climate Change	Miriam



RE Retreat: A brief and incomplete survey of the kids that happened to show up to church this summer seems to indicate there is an interest in holding a RE Retreat on a Saturday evening in September that would include spending the night at church. If at least five kids sign up and if there are at least two adults willing to chaperone, a RE Retreat will be planned for Saturday, September 21st. There is a sign up sheet by the RE bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary or you can let Miriam know you plan to come via email at uucommunity@gmail.com.

CONtribUution: Kids in Middle School (grades 6-8) and High school have an opportunity to attend a regional UU Youth Conference (aka a CON) on November 1st -3rd at Community Unitarian Universalist in Brighton, MI. If your child would be interested in going please let Miriam know and she will do all she can to facilitate this. CONs are a wonderful way to connect with other young UUs from around the state while learning and growing in your faith and having fun too. Give it a try!

Our Whole Lives: Peoples Church in Kalamazoo will be offering Our Whole Lives sexuality education for students in grades 7-9. If you would be interested in having your child participate, please let Miriam know as soon as possible.

FAITH IN ACTION

**LOVE
RESISTS**

Love Resists, a partnership of Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, has an Immigration Justice webinar available to help people interested in taking action on immigration issues discern steps they can take to side with love and resist the detention and deportation policies of the U.S. Federal government. You can find the webinar and other resources at the Love Resists [website](#).

**GRYPHON
PLACE***
SUICIDE PREVENTION
MONTH 2019

Gryphon Place's 6th annual [Suicide Prevention Walk](#) will be held during Suicide Prevention Month on Saturday, September 28th at Arcadia Creek Festival Place in downtown Kalamazoo. This 5K cause walk will raise awareness for suicide prevention, allow people to connect with each other, and provide critical funds for Gryphon Place that support local programs and services. If you would be interested in staffing the UUCC table during the walk, contact [Miriam](#) in the office.

Climate Change Action

The Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition will sponsor a [Global Climate Strike](#) event at the Arcadia Festival site in Kalamazoo from 3-6 PM on Friday, September 20th.

Join people all over the world as they walk out of their schools, workplaces, and homes to demand transformative action in response to the global climate crisis.

Local groups including the Sunrise Movement, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Extinction Rebellion, and students from K-Central are planning a year of climate centered [Fridays for the Future](#) that will also provide opportunities for the public to take action.

Now is the time for us to speak out. Climate Change is a threat to all humanity!



LIVING OUR VALUES



ISAAC Call to Action!

Our friends at Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community (ISAAC) are calling on us to attend an upcoming Kalamazoo City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd and/or Monday, September 16 (dates yet to be confirmed) to show support for ISAAC's Fair Chance and Fair Housing Ordinance proposals. Visit the [ISAAC website](#) for more info or contact ISAAC Housing Task Force co-chair [Tobi Hanna-Davies](#).

Save the Date!



Issues Convention

Tuesday Evening, October 29, 2019

Come choose our issues for the next two years

We need YOU!

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1515 Helen St., Portage

REGIONAL EVENTS

CONTAGION

September 13th at 6:00 pm – September 15th at 10:00 am

How much of your life is influenced by the environment around you? How much of your own perception is influenced by the people and attitudes around you? How does one small change grow and spread until it overtakes the hegemony?

Come join us for a weekend of conscious contemplation of these brain-teasers and perhaps some games involving *brain-eaters*. The conference will be hosted by People's Church of Kalamazoo and will be staffed by the UU Young Adult Steering Committee during the weekend of Sept 13th – 15th. We invite anyone ages 18–35 to join us for programming and discussion based on ecological science, herbalism, sexual health, and social engineering—among many other topics as well!

People's Church of Kalamazoo
1758 10th St N
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Attendance for this event is \$25–\$45 on a sliding scale. This is used to provide meals and facilities all weekend and is to be paid to our Registrar upon arrival, either with check or cash.

Please register using the link or QR code below:

shorturl.at/NUY13



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Choir Rehearsals

Starting September 3, all rehearsals will run from 6:45 - 8:30 PM on Tuesdays.
Please contact [Nick](#) for more information

Sunday, September 1

10:00 am - Service with Rev. Gy
11:30 am - **POTLUCK** hosted by Finance and Marketing
2:00 - 4:00 pm - Art Wall Opening Reception

Tuesday, September 3rd

6:00-8:00 pm - Our Town Auditions

Sunday, September 8

Water Communion
10:00 am - Service with Rev Gy
11:30 am - Program Council Meeting

Monday, September 9

4:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, September 15

10:00 am - Service with guest Donna McClurkan
11:30 am - Climate Change Forum

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm - Sunday Services Meeting

Sunday, September 22

10:00 am - Service with TBA

Saturday, September 21

8:30 am - Men's Breakfast @ Burger Town Grille
9:00 am - Board of Trustees Work Day
5:00 pm - RE Retreat

Sunday, September 29

10:00 am - Service with member Mary King

Our Town Rehearsals

Our Town will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6-8pm and on Saturdays from 12-2 pm.

Apple Corp

Apple Corp classes will meet on Monday, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 3:30 -5:30 pm.

Loving What Is Classes

Loving What Is Classes will meet on September 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm



That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ...

Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer.

~ Wallace Stegner, *Angle of Repose*

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