



CommUnity Matters

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

November Services

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



Please visit our UUCC 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, November 3 - "All Souls" with Rev. Gy

We will explore how the past defines and impacts us as we mark the Feast of All Souls, a day of remembrance for those who have passed away that ties together the past, the present, and the future.

Sunday, November 10 - "A Guest at Our Table" with Rev. Gy

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance in November honoring the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. We will take time this Sunday to bear witness against transphobic violence in our community. We will also kick off our annual collection for the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#), a organization that promotes human rights and social justice around the world. (Learn more about this on [page 2](#))

Sunday, November 17 - "Fault and Responsibility" with guest speaker, Rev. Larry Farris

The Rev. Lawrence W. Farris will explore some of the dynamics of privilege with us. Larry is a pastor, a preacher, a teacher, a spiritual director; retreat leader and a writer. He is the author of *Dynamics of Small Town Ministry*, *Ten Commandments for Pastors New to a Congregation*, and *Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation*. He has served Presbyterian churches in Annapolis, Maryland, in Okemos and Three Rivers, Michigan. He recently shared that he and his wife Pat are planning a move to Minneapolis in the spring to be closer to family and that he will no longer have the pleasure of coming to UUCC regularly. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him speak!

Sunday, November 24 - "Giving Thanks" with Rev. Gy

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Rev. Gy will share her thoughts on giving thanks.

INSPIRED SPIRITUALITY



Guest at Your Table

WOMEN LEADERS, STRONG COMMUNITIES

At the Sunday service on November 10th, we will kick off our annual collection for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), a 79-year-old organization that advances human rights in the United States and around the globe through research, advocacy, and partnerships with small grassroots organizations.

Guest at Your Table is UUSC's annual program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 60 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that your donations make possible.

When it comes to human rights, women are often talked about as being important beneficiaries of services. They are less often talked about as leading those initiatives themselves. Given the additional barriers that women face worldwide, including gender-based violence, UUSC is proud that a third of its grassroots partner organizations provide specific services for women. They are even prouder that half of its partner organizations are *led by women*.

During this year's *Guest at Your Table* program, UUSC invites us to learn more about women leaders from their partner organizations who are taking on some of today's greatest human rights challenges. Their stories can be found [here](#).



A climate activist from Kiribati, **Pelenise** is responding boldly to climate change in the Pacific.



Marta is working to support victims of violence and eradicate violence against women in Honduras.



Wai Wai is helping prevent violence and bridge ethnic and religious divides in Burma.



In Mexico and the U.S., **Monica** is using the arts to bolster resiliency and leadership among migrants.

On November 10th be sure to pick up a *Guest at Your Table* box and put in on your dinner table or other gathering space until the end of the year. Use the box to collect loose change and bills and as a physical reminder of the work that UUSC does to help defend human rights around the world. We will collect the boxes and your donations in January.

Thank you for your support!



CARING COMMUNITY



NOVEMBER CARING COMMUNITY NEWS

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John F. Kennedy

The seasonal transition has brought Autumn. We celebrate our traditions -such as the Service Auction. It is an opportunity to experience each other in a different way, laugh, enjoy a meal together, and witness the extraordinary generosity of our community.

Another tradition is honoring our members who left us while active in our community. In November of 2013 we said "Goodbye" to Theresa Hollowell, who was so generous with her love, ideas and energy. We are also grateful for her financial legacy that continues to nourish our congregation.

Our hearts are with our minister, Rev. Gy, as she contends with the grave illness of her mother-in-law while enduring a long wait for relief of her pain. Rev. Gy is scheduled for surgery on November 12 and we hope that the procedure will go smoothly, recovery will be swift, and her suffering will finally be at an end. We stand beside Gy and Patti.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Member Ministry teams! You are faithful in showing up when there is a need.

Halloween is barely behind us, but it is time for birthday cake and ice cream!! Celebrating in November are: Nov. 12 Elizabeth Fernandez, Nov.18 Liam Michael, Nov. 26 Denise Hartsough, Nov. 27 Stephanie Grathwol, and Nov. 28 Hayden Tasko – enjoy, Everybody!

It is important that we hear each other in community so that we may share the joys and the times of concern – we are not alone. If you have, or are aware of a member/friend with a difficult circumstance, please contact: Nancy Crowell 381-7659, Judy Oliver 353-9397, and/or Judy Pigg-Behrendt 217-5252. Sharing is Caring!

Happy
Thanksgiving

LEARNING AND GROWTH



Sand Mandala

Tibetan Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery will construct a mandala sand painting at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum November 6 – 10, 2019, in partnership with Connecting Chords Music Festival.

From all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, that of painting with colored sand ranks as one of the most unique and exquisite. Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days or weeks to form the image of a mandala.

The construction will begin with an opening ceremony of chanting and music on Wednesday, November 6, at 12:00 PM. Over the next five days, the monks will slowly pour millions of grains of sand carefully into place, resulting in a mandala approximately 4' x 4' in size. The public is invited to observe the process from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A lecture about the meaning of the mandala will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 1:30 PM. A closing ceremony will follow at 3:30 PM, where the mandala will be consecrated and its sand swept up. This is done as a metaphor for the impermanence of life.

If you would be interested in an outing to view the mandala and to attend the lecture with a group from UUCC, please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact [Miriam](#).

Grief Support Groups

Grieving the loss of a loved one is a natural process, but it can be overwhelming. In both the six session and monthly groups offered by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, tools are provided to assist people in navigating this difficult time. If you are new to grief or find yourself struggling along the way, either of these groups could be a place to find the stability you desire. Sessions will cover the Grief Process, Dealing with Loneliness, Anger, Guilt, the Body's Response, Setting Realist Expectations, and more.

G.R.O.W. Group—Five Weeks

Nov. 12 & 26; Dec. 3, 10 & 17
(No Group Nov. 19)

Daytime Group

10:30-11:30AM

Kalamazoo Senior Services
918 Jasper Street; Kalamazoo
49007

Call to Register

Grief: A Path to Healing

2nd Tues. Monthly Group

Nov. 12, & Dec. 10
Grieving During the Holidays

Evenings

6:00-7:30PM

Portage Senior Center
320 Library Lane, Portage
49002

Drop-in Group

Dana Naumann, MSW
Bereavement Care Coordinator
(269) 343 - 1508

dana@langelands.com

For more info.—www.langelands.com

**NO Fees
for any
Groups**

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Women's Book Group

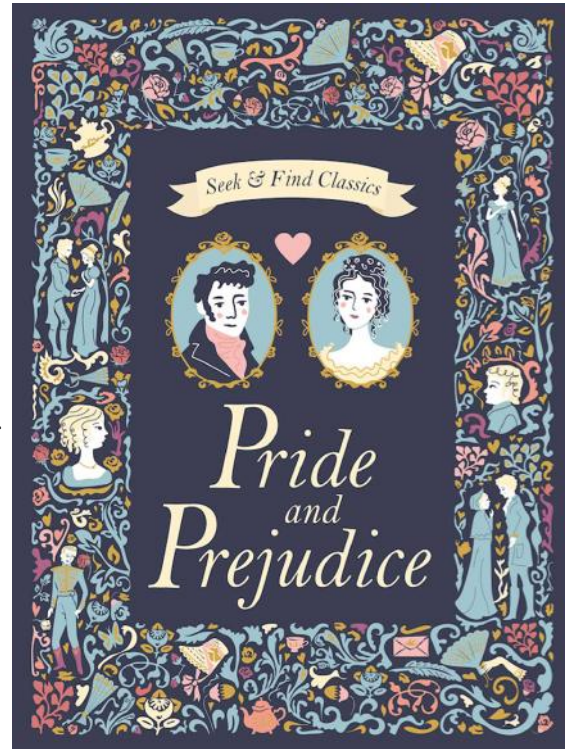
by [Stephanie Grathwol](#), Chair

For Friday, **November 8th, 2019**,
the Women's Book Group selection will be:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

From Goodreads:

Since its immediate success in 1813, *Pride and Prejudice* has remained one of the most popular novels in the English language. Jane Austen called this brilliant work "her own darling child" and its vivacious heroine, Elizabeth Bennet, "as delightful a creature as ever appeared in print." The romantic clash between the opinionated Elizabeth and her proud beau, Mr. Darcy, is a splendid performance of civilized sparring. And Jane Austen's radiant wit sparkles as her characters dance a delicate quadrille of flirtation and intrigue, making this book the most superb comedy of manners of Regency England.



11:30 AM - Lunch at the Craftsman Chop Company, 6905 Sears Drive in Portage

1:00 PM - Book discussion in the UCC Community Room
Discussion Leader: Rita Stevens Hostess: Beverly Folz

All UCC women are welcome. Please contact Stephanie Grathwol to reserve your seat for lunch. Once we are at UCC, we will have a short business meeting, dessert, and the discussion of this literary classic.



There is still time to take advantage of these health screenings by signing up for the complete package (which includes 4 screenings for vascular disease and an osteoporosis screening) for \$139 when Life Line Screening comes to UCC on Saturday, November 9th.

Saturday
November 9
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

With the number of people already signed up, appointment spaces are limited so please don't miss your chance to confirm your appointment today before the event is full. Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-888-653-6441** or text the word **circle** to **797979** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

LEADERSHIP

Board President's Corner

by [Nancy Calme](#), Board President

What a busy time it has been for my husband and me! We left on vacation last week, out west to the land where I was born: Boise, Idaho. I'd found a fiber festival out there, and as many of you know, I am all into creating things from scratch from my angora goats. I enjoy the progression from feeding and caring for Ely and Eddy, to shearing them, cleaning dyeing and carding their mohair, spinning it into yarn, and finally knitting clothing or hooking rugs.

On our trip out west, we got the opportunity to explore festivals, food tasting, sheepdog trials, and a big sheep parade with our two young grandchildren who met us there. It is fun to travel but it is hard work preparing our farm prior to the trip and then getting back up to speed with what we missed at home, at church, and in the news. I am still playing catch-up.

This month at church is a bit of a wild ride, as well. UUCS was honored to host the local memorial service for our founding member, Lin Foote. So many of his friends and colleagues came to remember him and it really touched his children to experience that. I was impressed at how the church came together to provide wonderful hospitality, and the service led by Miriam Epskamp with special piano music played by Judy Halseth was all just perfect.

It is distressing to us all that Rev. Gy is suffering so with her painful ailment that came on after her bout with Shingles. She has expressed to the Board how agonizing it is for her not to be able to reliably perform her duties as our minister, a calling that she truly loves. The Board supports her 100% and the whole church must pull together while she gets through this crisis. We hope that a medical procedure in November will alleviate her pain so she can resume her normal life.

Happily, some more light-hearted things are going on at church as well. The Open House Theater Company, initiated by our Music Director, Nick Sienkiewicz, and Mary Roscoe, is presenting their production of "Our Town" at the end of October and I hope that everyone does their part to support the endeavor. It will be exciting to watch the budding acting talent of two of our members, Kimberly Ridley and Lauren Ritter. (I am writing this article prior to the October performances.)

On November 2, Nick has organized a huge mass choral concert that includes our UUCS singers. On November 16 we all look forward to the annual UUCS service auction, a fun night leading to many relationship-building activities throughout the year.

UUCS is active well beyond what one would expect for a small congregation and we are blessed to be a part of it all. Hold onto your hats and don't blow away in the whirlwind!



STEWARDSHIP

Program Council

by [Erin Michael](#), Board Vice-President

Who decides the programming do we do at UUCC?
 Why are we doing the things we are doing?
 Why are we not doing _____ (fill in the blank)?

If you ever ask these questions, YOU are the answer! Your voice, your listening ears and your participation are needed to help drive our programming! If you attend UUCC, you are a member of Program Council.

We discuss and plan programming within our building which fulfills our Mission and Vision. We discuss events and activities in which we will participate as a congregation and share opportunities for ways to volunteer, create connection and support each other in these endeavors. We work to transform ourselves, our community and the world.

Program Council only works if YOU participate. Join us on **Sunday, November 10 after coffee time**. We work hard to keep the discussion to 45 minutes. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Contact [Erin Michael](#) with questions.



Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that they have registered the congregation for ***Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities: A Year of Learning and Connection for Smaller Congregations***, a series of webinars conducted by Unitarian Universalist Association staff who hope it will offer a lot of food for thought, good information, and strong connections that will help the work of our small but mighty congregation be easier, more joyful and more impactful.

The first webinar, **Smalls Making a Big Difference**, was held on October 16th. A group of members and friends gathered at church to watch it together and discuss what they learned. They will share their thoughts with the Board of Trustees at their next meeting. The webinar was recorded and you are encouraged to gather a group together, watch it, and share your insights with the board too. You can find a link to the recording [here](#).

The other webinars in the series will take place on the follow dates:

*Small
but Mighty*

November 13th: **Right-Sizing Your Congregation**

January 15th: **Stewardship and Sustainability**

February 12th: **Being the Beloved Community**

Arrangements will be made to broadcast the future live webinars at church. They will each take place at 7:00 PM and run for 90 minutes. Discussion among viewers will take place afterwards for 30 minutes. Plans are also in the works for regional 'in person' gatherings of congregations that have participated in the webinars on or around March 14th. More information about these events will be available closer to the date.

If you have any questions about ***Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities***, please contact Board President, [Nancy Calme](#).

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

UCC Service AUCTION

Auction Time is Almost Here

There's a new twist this year for the annual Service Auction to be held at 5:00 p.m. November 16 at UCC. This year's meal will be a pizza party!

We're requesting only a \$5.00 donation, and kids eat free as usual.

If you haven't yet signed up to attend, please do, so we make sure there's plenty of food and drink. We also need to announce what wonderful services and items will be auctioned so you can study the list and decide what to bid on. To provide that list, we need you to let us know what you plan to contribute.

In past years, lucky buyers have purchased road trips, theater outings, themed dinners, photography sessions, homemade pies, soups, or casseroles, yard-work, painting, house-cleaning, baby-sitting, and many other experiences and items.

Use your imagination and donate something that will be of pleasure to both you and the high bidder. This evening and its results always help us know one another better. It is also our biggest fundraiser of the year, and the funds raised go to support all aspects of our mission.

Contact anyone on the Stewardship committee with questions or to make your reservation or donation: -- [Joe Calme](#), [Ron Crowell](#), [Bev Folz](#), [Rev. Gy](#), or Chair Regena [Nelson](#).



**PETER
MAYER**
in concert

**Saturday,
Nov. 23rd
7:00 p.m.**
at People's Church
1758 N 10th Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tickets
\$12 for adults,
\$5 for children
12 and under,
with a \$25 maximum
per family.

Mayer's songs are crafted like shaker furniture, with no place for superfluous embellishments or throwaway lines... his world is bright and hopeful and the transcendent nature of his lyrics explore the mysteries of life... This is music for the soul.
--Acoustic Guitar Magazine

Photo by: Paul Cook

November Potuck

We will share the bounty of the season at our November potluck lunch hosted by

Stephanie Grathwol and friends on **Sunday, November 3rd at 11:30 AM**. All are welcome! Please bring a dish to pass and table service from home to help reduce the amount of trash we put in the landfill.



MUSIC AND ART



Kalamazoo Community Chorale

Kalamazoo Male Chorus

Mall City Harmonizers

Unitarian Universalist
Community Chorus

and special guests
*West Michigan
Gay Men's Chorus*

NOVEMBER 2
AT 7:30 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

321 W. SOUTH STREET,
KALAMAZOO, MI 49007

KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY CHORAL CONCERT



Admission: \$10 for adults and FREE for students with a valid ID.
Get your tickets at www.KalamazooCCC.eventbrite.com or at the door.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

R.E.flections

From [Miriam Epskamp](#), Director of Religious Education (DRE)

One Sunday last month, the kids spent some time exploring Tai Chi as a method to center themselves and focus their minds and bodies. Sometimes referred to meditation in motion, Tai Chi is performed in a very slow, focused manner accompanied by deep breathing. After trying out several warm up exercises that utilize some of the classic Tai Chi movements, we took a moment to talk about the experience.



One of the kids told me that moving that slow was hard to do. They said that when they tried to slow down, their mind began to race to fill in the emptiness and in the moments where they waited to finish each deliberate movement, they almost began to feel anxious. I can empathize. We live in a fast-paced world. We are socialized to be engaged, stay involved, to always be doing or accomplishing something. We learn early to associate ‘fast’ with success and achievement and ‘slow’ with laziness and failure. We worry that if we aren’t always going, going, going we will miss out on something or let someone down.

In the month of Thanksgiving, as the hustle and bustle of the winter holidays approach, perhaps it is a good idea for people of all ages to practice slowing down, to place more value on doing less, and to savor the many blessings in our lives.

May it be so.



November Religious Education

Date	Session	Teacher
11/3	Traditional RE - Gratitude	Miriam
11/10	Mindful Sunday-Mandalas	Regena
11/17	Social Justice Sunday	Miriam
11/24	Service Prep Day	Miriam

Cans for Kids

The kids at UCC want your returnable cans and bottles! Bring them to church and put them in the collection box in the Community Room. They will use the money raised from cashing in your empties to fund various Social Justice activities during the year.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

KNOWvemberFEST'

**Fall – FUN – food – friendship
For peace and justice**

A Fall festival and open house sponsored by Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War

Saturday, November 2, 2019

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Parkview Hills Clubhouse

3707 Greenleaf Circle, Kalamazoo

November 2019 celebrates peace.

It marks 101 years since the peace agreement ending World War I was signed on November 11, 1918 at 11:00 a.m.

KNOWvemberFEST

is a festive, fall, food, fun, friendship and family event for a peaceful future.

For more info: [Marifel Lal](#)

***The future depends on
what we do
in the present.***

- Mahatma Gandhi



First Day Shoe Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to October's Generosity Sunday. We collected \$267 for the First Day Shoe Fund that will help buy deserving children in Kalamazoo County new shoes for school and other activities. Thanks to Pat Fuehr for organizing this on behalf of Program Council. Our next Generosity Sunday collection will be in January.

Anti Racism Film Series The Anti-Racism Task Force at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo invites you to join the discussion at their film series on the third Thursday of the month.

On **November 21st at 6:30 PM** they will present:

An Uncomfortable Truth

A 2017 documentary film directed by Loki Mulholland that presents a comprehensive and insightful exploration of the origins and history of racism in America told through a very personal and honest story.

The video showings will be in the FUMC Youth Tribe theater on the lower level. Snacks and beverages will be provided. A brief discussion will be held following the presentations.



Support Ministry with Community

On Sunday, December 1st the UCC youth will lead a special hands-on Social Justice Sunday service to benefit Ministry with Community and the work they do helping those in our community experiencing housing insecurity. During the month of November the youth will be collecting the following items to prepare for the service:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Deodorant (travel size) | Shampoo (travel size) |
| Soap (travel size) | Conditioner (travel size) |
| Lotion (travel size) | Lip balm |
| Two-blade razors | Tampons |
| Toothbrushes | Maxi-Pads |
| Shaving Cream | Band-aids |
| Hand Warmers | |

New and Gently Used: **Bath Towels & Washcloths, Coffee Mugs** (10 oz ceramic), and **Backpacks**

Please place your donations in the collection box at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact [Miriam](#)

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Living our Commitment

by [Marsha Laya](#)

When considering the progress made by our family of six that immigrated from Rwanda, one hardly knows where to begin! For us, their story began in January 2019 when they arrived in Kalamazoo. They faced, among other things, one of the coldest winters on record! Even those of us who have lived in Michigan our whole lives were chilled to the bone by the Nor'easter that struck. What a shock it must have been for this family! And the weather was probably among the least of the challenges they faced.



We became acquainted with this family of six through Samaritas, a non-profit organization that helps newly arrived refugees navigate their confusing and overwhelming first months in the United States. Afifa, the social worker and case manager for the family explained what our role would be and how we could help this family adapt to our American culture, its foods, its language and oh so many things we take for granted! We soon found out that we should assume nothing! Nothing! Running a vacuum, turning on an oven, opening a can, using and counting our money, selecting the right shampoo for black hair barely touches the surface of the millions of things that had to be learned.

So, a group of about 12 volunteers from UUCB have, over the past 10 months stepped up to fill multiple roles. These roles are almost impossible to list. But here are a few. First and most importantly, Denise took on the role of recruiting and coordinating the volunteers which included: "Taxi" drivers to appointments (including many medical appointments and physical therapy), taking the mother shopping or to the various food banks and grocery stores, errand runners, school liaisons, medical liaisons, English tutors, after school tutors, driving instructors and general house cleaning instructors. In addition, the volunteers have served as negotiators with the apartment landlord, reviewed and explained mail received, set up internet service and the router, attended meetings and appointments to help negotiate and explain what was happening, hired and paid the older boys for farm chores, signed them up for swimming lessons, helped them negotiate the locker room and delivered them home safely. Special summer outings were also planned for the children and their friends. Phew! And that's not all!

Great strides have been made by our family. The father, has been employed full time and will have received his driver's license. Our community has purchased a vehicle for the family. Because they have a vehicle, the father has passed his road test because he has been able to drive to work daily. Immunizations are now completed. The children have been in school. Even the four-year-old, attends a pre-school, thanks to the work of our volunteers. The mother attends Eng-

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lish classes 3 times a week. The oldest boy, who has a love for music, has a guitar. All the children have bicycles and love riding them. They have learned to negotiate the grocery stores and have established a community of friends within their apartment complex. They attend their church and enjoy pizza and beer. They are, in short, becoming Americans.

Much has been done, and much is still needed. If you have an hour or two a week, consider contacting Denise. Help with transportation is always needed and very easy to step into. I am leaving for Florida, so am leaving my post of tutoring the mother who is a wonderful, loving and eager learner. She would welcome someone to help her improve her English. This can be done by teaching

some simple cooking skills while engaging in simple conversation. She has a slow cooker, toaster, stove, oven and all other basic kitchen tools. But preparing simple meals using mainly fresh foods (no pork) and those kitchen tools (ie. slow cooker) would be a wonderful way to build a relationship, enhance her cooking skill and improve her English. And while you are there, be sure to FaceTime with me in Florida!

Thank you to all who are supporting this family. One of our future goals is to be able to send the two older boys to summer camp for a week. Registration for Camp Wakeshma begins in January. The cost is approximately \$300/week per child. So if you don't have time to volunteer, please consider giving a donation to help cover those costs as well as other needs as they arise. Supporting this family as they adapt to life in America is a very tangible expressions of our faith in action.



Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference (MBLGTACC)

MBLGTACC is an annual conference held to connect, educate, and empower queer and trans+ college students, faculty, and staff around the Midwest and beyond. The [28th annual MBLGTACC](#) will take place from **Friday, February 14 to Sunday, February 16, 2020** in Kalamazoo. The theme for the weekend of empowerment, education, and connection is *Envisioning a Future Together*, and will be led by student organizers from Western Michigan University. How UCC might support this conference will be discussed at the November Program Council Meeting. (See [page 7](#) for more info about Program Council)



IN GRATITUDE

To members and friends of UCC:

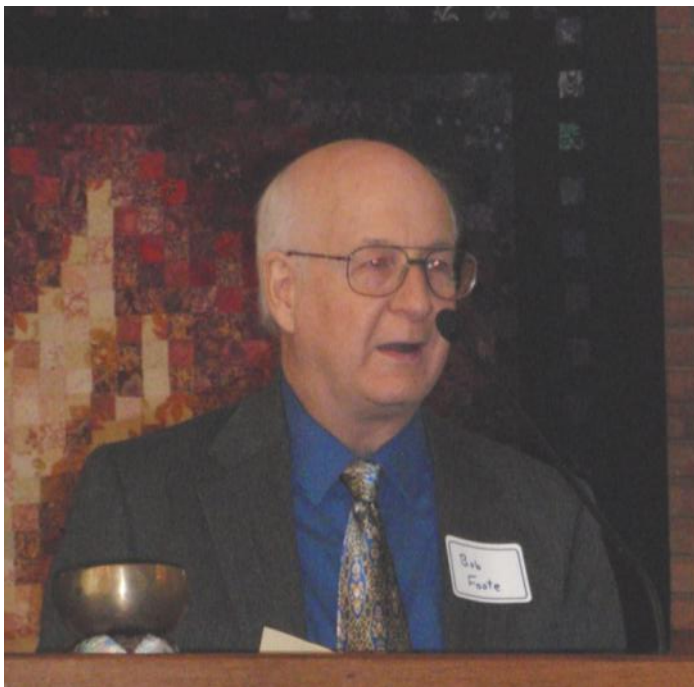
Thank you so much for hosting the memorial service for our father, Lin Foote. It was all very heartwarming--from the tree planting, the service, and the reception that followed. We know that this all took a lot of planning and work by many people. It was very much appreciated.

We were honored to be asked to come to have a ceremony at UCC. As you know, the church meant so much to both of our parents. While they needed to move to be closer to us, leaving UCC was extremely difficult for them. They both followed what was going on through your newsletters that they received. It was so nice to spend time with you as we remembered them both.

We are sorry that we were not able to meet Rev. Gy Ludvig Mc-Carney while we were there and hope that her health concerns are soon resolved. We thank her and many others for the packet of cards and letters that Dad received shortly before he died. That meant a lot to all of us.

In gratitude,

Karen Foote Retzer & Bob Foote



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Choir Rehearsals

All rehearsals will run from 6:45 - 8:30 PM on Tuesday, November 5,12,19, 26

Please contact [Nick](#) for more information

Friday, November 1

6:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal for Choir Concert @Kalamazoo First Presbyterian

Saturday, November 2

7:30 pm - UUCC Kalamazoo Community Choral Concert

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends
10:00 am - Service with Rev. Gy
11:30 am - **POTLUCK** hosted by Stephanie and Friends

Monday, November 4

4:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, November 10

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

Friday, November 8

1:00 - 3:00 pm - Women's Book Group

Sunday, November 17

10:00 am - Service with guest Rev. Larry Farris

Saturday, November 9

8:00 am - 4:30 pm - Life Line Health Screenings

Sunday, November 24

10:00 am - Service with Rev. Gy

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm - Service Auction

Committee Meetings

Sunday Services: Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 pm

Stewardship: Thursday, November 14 at 12:15 pm

Social Justice Team: Sunday, November 17 at 11:30 am



For the latest, up-to-date information about our activities and events visit our [website](#) and our [online calendar](#).



It was November--the month of crimson sunsets, parting birds, deep, sad hymns of the sea, passionate wind-songs in the pines. She roamed through the pineland alleys in the park and, as she said, let that great sweeping wind blow the fogs out of her soul.

~L.M. Montgomery

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Wednesday, November 20th at NOON**

Please send submissions to:
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CommUUnity Matters

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