



The Bridge

*10:00 a.m. each Sunday: Intergenerational Devotional

*10:10 a.m. Religious Education for all ages

*Primary: "Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher": Lynn Tuttle Gunney

*Teens: "UU Kids"

*Adults: "Bible Stories for Skeptics": Richard Trudeau

April 7: "Lost History" – Ed Clark – Violent radicals of the 1970's.

April 14: "Easter Symbols" – Michael Mazingo – Michael will examine the importance of symbols during this Easter season: the cross, eggs, baby chicks, bunnies and lambs. By encouraging us to open our eyes and not only let ourselves be reminded of all Jesus has done for us, this lesson also encourages us to remind others by sharing His love and sacrifice with them through the Easter story, our story and Easter symbols.

April 21: "Liberating Easter" – Reverend Claudia M Frost – With spiritual courage Jesus made the ultimate personal sacrifice for his beliefs. What does it mean to liberate that message of love and justice in this new century? Join us to celebrate Easter's liberating message.

April 28: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T Our 7th Principle Theology" – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Continuing our sermon series on the Seven UU Principles, this is a good month to reflect on our 7th Principle. "We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence". Earth Day was April 22nd, but everyday should be *Earth Day*. Reverence and gratitude need to mark how we honor and sustain the living Earth which is so central for all life.

Dates to Remember

Each Thursday: 10:00 a.m.
Quilting Unless Otherwise
Announced

April 21: 9:30 a.m. Easter
Breakfast and Easter Egg
Hunt



April 24: Musical Concert

April 27: Spring Clean Up at
The Church

April 28: Covered-dish lunch
and Board Meeting
Following Services

May 12: Homecoming
Service and Covered-Dish
Lunch

May 17-19, 2019: Universalist
Convocation at Murray
Grove Retreat and Renewal
Center in New Jersey.
Theme is: Hope...Not Hell



Claudia's Comments

"For everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens". The late UU singer/song writer and activist, Pete Seeger used those words from the book of Ecclesiastes for his late 1950's folk song "Turn, Turn, Turn", a recorded hit by the Byrds. For some reason, Pete's song is playing in my head tonight as I think about this month's newsletter column. The season of Spring has officially arrived. As I write this, I'm in Texas for a ministry conference and it's been a delight to see the Bluebonnets are in bloom. It's one of my most favorite times to be back in my original home state. Seeing the uniquely beautiful wildflowers along the roadsides give me joy. This is also the season of Lent in the Christian tradition in preparation for Easter on April 21st. Even though the pollen swirling in the air might challenge us, the resurrection of beauty is flourishing in the budding flowers and trees. It makes this a joyful season to be outdoors. During the past two seasons of Lent, I have shared the #UU Lent Reflection words so you could post them somewhere for daily reflection in the days leading up to Easter. I feel the need to apologize for not making the list available last month for reflection as an individual or a family beginning on Ash Wednesday, but I couldn't locate the link to the word site and wondered if Unitarian Universalists were not doing the practice this year.

In mentioning this recently to a colleague, I was given the link to access the 2019 Photo A Day #UU Lent List: <https://www.facebook.com/259081167866768/photos>

Please join me in the remainder of this season, April 1st-21st either by yourself or invite your family to participate. Reflect on the daily words. If you like, you can create a photo of what the word might look like in a visual form. You can share on the above Facebook link. I hope reflections on the following words enrich your daily life and bring you deeper connection to the glorious seasons of spring, Easter and Earth Day celebrations.

APRIL:

1. Gratitude
2. Wisdom
3. Sacred
4. Suffering
5. Forgiveness
6. Transcend
7. Justice
8. Grace
9. Build
10. Trust
11. Recovery
12. Art
13. Love
14. Sanctuary
15. Travel
16. Truth
17. Ally
18. Pain
19. Loneliness
20. Faith
21. Rejoice: Easter

Let us continue to focus on making more room in our busy lives. Intentionally "unplug" each day a little from electronic and social media; intentionally reconnecting face to face with the people we love. Perhaps the reflection words listed here will help you observe more of the sacred in your daily life. Let's continue to make room in our busy lives and discover what we need to do to reconnect with ourselves and the people we love.

Happy Easter! With Love, Hope & Joy,
Reverend Claudia