

The Bridge

Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church Newsletter

June 2019

Green Sanctuary Congregation

Welcoming Congregation



2019

Sunday Mornings:

10:00 a.m. Devotional and Religious Education for all ages -

Adults – **Bible Stories for Skeptics** ~Richard Trudeau

Primary - **Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved**

Teacher ~Lynn Tuttle Gunney

Teens – **UUKids** ~Brotman & Marshman

Church Services - 11:00 a.m.

June 2, 2019 – “Lest ye become like one of these little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” - **Rev. Brian Clougherty**—We all have shortcomings and flaws. Early on we learn defenses to protect ourselves from criticism for these flaws. These defenses can keep us from accepting and loving ourselves and each other. The Good News is that we are acceptable and lovable, not in spite of our flaws, but with our flaws. Children have flaws, but we love them, flaws and all. This is a clue to how to build the Beloved Community here, in our midst.

June 9, 2019 – “Truth – The Uncharted Sea” – **Rev. Claudia M. Frost** – Continuing our sermon series on the Seven Principles, our 4th Principle concerns Truth. Finding Truth and Meaning are part of the central task of the individual and journey of the religious community. What are we to do about the *blind spots* that keep us from full understanding? Fact checking, trusting a source, searching widely.....what more is required by our 4th Principle to embrace theological Truth?

June 16, 2019 – “Heroes, Adventurers, and Storytellers” – **Rev. Claudia M. Frost** – *Fatherhood has the potential to turn ordinary men into heroes, adventurers and storytellers.* Join us for a tribute to fatherhood on this Father's Day 2019 as well as our annual Flower Celebration. **Please bring a flower for the communal bouquet** that will be shared with another person.

June 23, 2019 – “Reflections on Universalist Convocation 2019” - **Lay Service.** Seven Members of our congregation attended Universalist Convocation 2019 at Murray Grove, New Jersey. We will share our reflections and thoughts about this great meeting at the site of the beginning of American Universalism with the story of Thomas Potter and Rev. John Murray.

June 30, 2019 – “Quaker Theology”— **Rev. Lois Cavanagh-Daley** - This service will be based on Elton Trueblood's book, **A Place To Stand**, addressed to those who recognize the need for a strong stand from which to operate in the confusion of contemporary thought. Trueblood says, “Ours has become an age in which people simply do not know what to think.”

Each Thursday (unless otherwise announced) 10:00 a.m. **Quilting!**

June 9—Following church service, covered-dish Lunch, then Board Meeting

June 13 – Quilting at 10:00 a.m.; Lunch at Johnny's Seafood at 11:45 a.m.; AUW meeting at 1:00 p.m.

June 19 – 7:30 p.m. **Musical Concert with Jim Scott.**
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Supper



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Claudia's Comments

It's been a full year with many challenges, but the new church photo directories are now available. Please remember to pick up your copy at the church. When you receive yours, please thank Ann Malpass for all the work she did to make our first church photo directory a reality.

In these crazy times of extreme political correctness and reactivity, here's a copy of an email that might make you smile. If you've seen it before, I hope it makes you smile a second time.

An Obituary printed in the London Times..... Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim, and Pay me for Doing Nothing. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Welcome to summer!
With Love, Hope, & Joy,
Rev. Claudia

