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## March 2017: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

*Welcoming Congregation*

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## The Bridge

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

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

\* The adults are studying the Old Testament.

**March 5: "TV Evangelicals; Credibility Problem"**-Jimmy Merritt-Religious services and rituals are about creating sacred space. Television entertains and informs but as a medium cannot enchant, which is the essence of religion.

**March 12: "Living with Uncertainty"**-Reverend Claudia M. Frost-We've heard the old adage, "There are only two things in life that are certain: death and taxes." How then does our liberal religious faith help us live with uncertainty? Let's explore the ways doubt, vulnerability, and spiritual courage help us live with uncertainty.

**March 19: "The Better Angels of our Nature"**-Ed Clark-Lincoln in the White House 1861-1865. Ed will speak about how Lincoln used the power of the Presidential Pardon to show compassion to friend and foe alike.

**March 26: "Humility and Honesty"**-Reverend Claudia M. Frost-A wise person said, "religious experience springs from two primary sources, awe and humility." The virtue of humility is cultivated by many of the world's religions. Without the qualities of humility and honesty, we just can't grow. What place does humility have in our competitive, winner-take-all world?

### Dates to Remember

**March 9: 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Johnny's Seafood followed by A UW meeting at the church. Everyone is welcome!**

**March 12: Board meeting following services and covered dish lunch.**

**March 30: Musical Concert at 7:30 p.m. following covered-dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Andrea and Phil Owens. Please come and enjoy the good food and music!**

**April 16: Easter Breakfast/ Egg Hunt**

**May 14: Homecoming**

**May 19-21: Universalist Convocation 2017, Liberty Universalist Church, Louisville, MS**



Happy St. Patrick's Day

## Claudia's Comments

March 1<sup>st</sup> signals the end of Mardi Gras celebrations and Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Drawing from our Judeo-Christian roots, many Unitarian Universalists find meaning in marking the days leading up to Easter with some kind of Lenten practice.

A couple of years ago, I shared a Unitarian Universalist Lenten spiritual practice of reflecting on the meaning of a different word each day. Rather than focusing on self-denial of some special food, beverage, treat or experience, I invite you to reflect on the meaning of each day's word. You could share reflections on the word as a family over the evening meal...take a picture of something that represents the word's meaning to you...post in on the Unitarian Universalist Lent Facebook page or to our own Outlaw's Bridge Facebook page. The list is designed to challenge us to reflect on the daily word and its meaning in our lives.

### March

1 Quiet	11 Music	21 Curiosity
2 Surrender	12 Resilience	22 Suffering
3 Courage	13 Friendship	23 Engagement
4 Love	14 Play	24 Ally
5 Partnership	15 Fear	25 Blessing
6 Rest	16 Passion	26 Mercy
7 Creativity	17 Strength	27 Dreams
8 Vulnerability	18 Wonder	28 Beauty
9 Prayer	19 Sanctuary	29 Mistakes
10 Persistence	20 Solitude	30 Dance
		31 Memory

### April

1 Freedom	6 Help	11 Art
2 Understanding	7 Support	12 Doubt
3 Inspiration	8 Awe	13 Worship
4 Sacred	9 Hospitality	14 Peace
5 Loneliness	10 Heart	15 Faith
		16 Rejoice

I appreciate Reverend Barb Greve's creation of the word list for 2017. Each day until Easter, the word for the day and a quote will be posted on the *#UULent Facebook* page. You are invited to reflect on the word each day and return later to add your photo and enjoy images and words others have shared. I hope this intentional practice will impact your daily life in ways that awaken you to the Divine and offer you spiritual resilience for this season of Lent.

*With Love, Hope and Joy,*

Rev. Claudia