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## May 2018: 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**

**\*Primary: "Love Surrounds Us"**

**\*Teens: "UU Kids"**

**\*Adults: "Transforming Faith" by Fred Howard**

**May 6: "The Varieties of Universalism"** – Reverend Justin Lapoint – Justin will deliver a sermon which explores the varieties of Universalism today including Classic Christian Universalism, Social Gospel Universalism, World Religions Universalism and Humanistic (non-theistic) Universalism. It should be noted that these forms of Universalism exist both within and outside of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

**May 13: "The Home That Love Made"** – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – It's Mother's Day and our annual Homecoming celebration. Join us to explore what it is about going home that causes such a mixture of emotions and motivations. This is an invitation to deepen our connections with one another and understand the human need to belong and be known in community.

**May 20: "You Can Quote Me on That"** – Jimmy Merritt – Jimmy will be sharing some of his favorite quotes on religion and life.

**May 27: "Becoming Beloved"** – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – It has been said "religion at its best is about linking together the individual quest and communal fellowship". We need each other for deeper engagement...to share who we are, tell our stories and listen to others. On this Memorial Day weekend join us for a time of sharing, appreciation and remembrance.



### Dates to Remember

**May 10: Quilting at 10:00 a.m.; lunch at Johnny's Seafood at 11:30 and AUW meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

**May 13: Homecoming/No Sunday School/Covered-dish lunch & fellowship following services**

**May 18-20: Universalist Convocation in Bellville, Ohio**

**August 31-September 3: Church Retreat Weekend, Shelter Neck, Burgaw, NC**

**September 11: Lifetouch Directory with free 8 x 10 portrait 2:00-9:00 p.m.**



## Claudia's Comments

After completing our *Listening to the Sacred* worship series for Lent, this month we will return to a monthly theme via the *Touchstone Journal* and other resources. Our theme for May is "Beloved Community". Watch for your copy of the *Touchstone Journal* in your email "inbox". This is a good theme for our traditional Homecoming Celebration on Mother's Day as well as memories and community on Memorial Day.

On the subject of memories and community, I'm excited about a new opportunity for community connections for our congregation. You may have heard something about a photo directory for Outlaw's Bridge. We are working with the Lifetouch Photography Company to produce a photo directory for our church. This is an opportunity for all our members and church "friends" to participate by having their pictures and contact information in the directory. September 11, 2018 from 2-9 p.m. there will be photos scheduled at the church for each person who wants to participate. Please mark your calendars now and be ready to respond when our volunteer team starts making appointments.

Each family that participates by being photographed for our directory will receive a complimentary photo directory as well as a mobile directory. Those families photographed will receive one complimentary 8 x 10 professionally printed photograph. At the time of your portrait sitting, you will also be able to view your photo images and select from a number of different photo options but you are not under any obligation to purchase extra photos.

This is a great opportunity to get your family together for that family photo you never get around to taking. Parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren it's time to come together for a memory making photograph. Families of one, two and many more are welcome. You can even include your pet. Our volunteer team will start making appointments later this summer.

Complimentary Photo Directories for our participating members and friends as well as the updateable mobile directory will be an enhancement to our church community connections with one another. I believe September 11, 2018 will be a fun and lively afternoon and evening at Outlaw's Bridge. Sign up to get your picture taken. This is an opportunity for making memories that last a lifetime. Help us improve our *beloved community* connections with this photo directory. We need your participation!

With Love, Hope and joy,  
Reverend Claudia