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## November 2023: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

*Welcoming Congregation*

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### The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services.

No Sunday School programs and no childcare.

The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

**November 5: "November's Lessening Light"** – Jimmy Merritt – a celebration of mid seasons hours in music and song.

**November 12: "The Whistle Stop Campaign of 1948"** – Ed Clark – Possible lesson for the 2024 race ahead.

**November 19: "How to Survive a Concentration Camp"** – Reverend Brian Clougherty – In 1939, Jacques Lusseyran organized and led 600 youth for the French Resistance, publishing an underground newsletter. He and 23 others were betrayed and arrested on July 20, 1943 by the Gestapo. He spent a year and a half at Buchenwald concentration camp. To live he said, "be engaged, not live for yourself alone."

**November 26: "Power"** – Reverend Cynthia Williams – Scripture Texts: Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24; Matthew 25: 31-46: the lectionary calendar. Given the volatile realities we face right now, life circumstances may demand something else.



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#### Dates to Remember

**November 4: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:** Help at the Grady-Outlaw Library Stew Fest.

**November 9: AUW Meeting** at the church at 1:00 p.m.

**November 12: Covered-dish lunch and Board meeting** following services.



## **“LET US GIVE THANKS”**

**BY: The Late Reverend Max Coots**

**Emeritus Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton, New York**

**(His passion for gardening yielded this beloved and much used meditation.)**

**Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:**

**For children who are our second planting, and, though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are.**

**Let us give thanks:**

**For generous friends, with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms;**

**For feisty friends as tart as apples;**

**For continuous friends who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we’ve had them;**

**For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;**

**For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and as good for you.**

**For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;**

**For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you throughout the winter;**

**For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;**

**For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;**

**And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter.**

**FOR ALL THESE, LET US GIVE THANKS.**