



The Bridge

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

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

* The adults will be sharing the 24-week Great Courses "Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls" taught by Gary A Rendsburg, Rutgers University

Primary: "Love Surrounds Us"; Teens: "Families"

October 1: "Water Service" – This is our annual fall service where we share the memorable events of the past year. Be sure to bring your stories/events to add to the "water bowl" that now has water from Duplin County, Shelter Neck, Jerusalem and many other places.

October 8: "Hospitality-Love in Action" - Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Our Theological Theme this month is "Hospitality". More than receiving guests, hosting an event, or "welcoming the stranger", hospitality demands engagement and interaction on a spiritual level. Join us for worship as we learn how the code of hospitality bids us to embody unconditional love and change the world.

October 15: "Shon Hopwood: A Journey of Forgiveness Redemption and Rebirth" – Reverend Lois Cavanagh-Daley – Shon Hopwood at the age of 23 was facing 12 years of Federal prison for robbing 5 banks before he was arrested. While in prison, Shon discovered United States law, and this was to change his life. Come and hear about his fantastic return to civilian life, his family, and to all those who supported and loved him throughout his sentence.

October 22: "Facing Your Own Mortality" - Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Once again we journey into the paradox of life and death. Embracing the mysteries of death while fully engaging the wonders of life marks an important spiritual milestone. Drawing on my experiences in Mexico in 2014 & 2015, we will remember deceased loved ones through the tradition of Dia de los Muertos...a time when the dead are included as part of the community celebration with their loved ones. Please bring a photo or memento to place on the table of "memory and meaning".

October 29: "Beyond the Veil" – Reverend Justin Lapoint – The veil I refer to is that between the world of the living and that of the dead; my thoughts on mortality as I grow older. Fifth Sunday collection to "Beads of Courage".

Dates to Remember

October Touchstones Monthly Theme "Hospitality"

**October 7: Harvest Sale:
Sale Begins at 3:00 p.m.
Supper Begins at 6:00 p.m.**

**October 8: Board Meeting
following Services and Pot Luck
Lunch**

**October 12: 11:30 a.m. Dutch-
treat lunch at Johnny's Seafood
1:15 p.m. AUW meeting**

**October 21: UCONCI annual
meeting at Shelter Neck**

**October 26: Musical Concert
with *Strung Together*
following Pot-Luck Supper**

**November 4: Stew Fest
(Albertson) Small Congregation
Workshop (Raleigh)**



Claudia's Comments

Autumn officially arrived last week (9/27/17) but I'm still looking for those crisp, cool morning breezes and fall-like temperatures to arrive. While temperatures still hold on to remnants of summer, hints of autumn are in the air with a few of the leaves beginning to turn and the crops in the fields are being harvested so I know our annual Harvest Sale and Supper will be here soon. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for Saturday October 7th. We start the auction at 3:00 p.m. and supper at 6:00 p.m. In addition to our beautiful annual hand stitched quilt made by ladies of the church, we also have a few others ...a Disney's Olaf (i.e. Frozen) quilt, an eye catching throw made from vintage Harley-Davidson bandanas and a *traveling* quilt of green and purple hues. There are a few high quality Christmas decorations and of course a selection of jams, pickles, cakes and other treats made by the excellent cooks of the congregation.

We are delighted that Joe Price generously agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. Back by *Happy Reviews* from last year's lucky winners is the *Cookies of the Month* offering of 3 months of a baker's dozen homemade cookies...enough for 4 lucky bid winners or you can buy even more months if the price is right. I've heard some beautiful necklaces and earrings are being donated for the sale and there will be other crafts and aprons.

As our one big fundraiser of the year, all Harvest Sale proceeds help with the annual church budget. With our newly completed "Vision for the Future", we hope your generous auction purchases will help us fund new initiatives both inside the congregation and in the surrounding community.

Plan to come and enjoy our Barbecue (chopped) pork and chicken supper with coleslaw, potato salad, hushpuppies, iced tea and homemade desserts all for only \$8.00 a plate (dine in or carry out).

Oh...and one of the memorable features of our Annual Harvest Sale is always our Universalist Hospitality. We take the "Good News" of Unitarian Universalism seriously at Outlaw's Bridge Church...that's Unconditional Love! Come enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun, fellowship and warm hospitality visiting with friends, family and folks you may meet for the first time. All are welcome to this place where we believe in unconditional love...where we live it and share it. Show up and you will feel warmly welcomed and appreciated.

By the way, our monthly theme for October is *Hospitality*...check your email inbox for the monthly Touchstones Journal for more on this topic. Plan to join us October 8th when I will be speaking about the spiritual implications of true hospitality.

See you at the Harvest Sale!

With Love, Hope and Joy,

Reverend Claudia