



The Bridge

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

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

*Primary: "Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher": Lynn Tuttle Gunney

*Teens: "UU Kids": Brotman & Marshman

*Adults: "Speaking of Faith": Krista Tippet

October 6: "Lifetime Faith Development" – Reverend Claudia M Frost – I've been thinking of spiritual maturity lately and I've come across new material to share with you. What is the meaning of "spiritual maturity" for liberal religious people? For us, spiritual growth is a privilege, an obligation and a responsibility. Joins us for worship and discover if you are making spiritual progress in your life.

October 13: "To Forgive or Not Forgive" – Reverend Brian Clougherty – Lori Gottlieb wrote, "Forgiveness is a tricky thing...Too often people feel pressured to forgive and then end up believing that something's wrong with them if they can't quite get there." Let's take a look at forgiveness; how it works, when it helps, when it's inappropriate and how a theology of Love informs us.

October 20: "Sharing Water Service" – Our annual Water Service is a time of sharing the events of the past year – all those things that have impacted our lives: births, deaths, weddings, weather, travels, meeting with friends. Come prepared to share.

October 27: "One Love for All" – Reverend Charlie Davis – It is sometimes hard to describe what our faith is. Reverend Davis will use music to help describe Unitarian Universalism in ways that others might understand.

Happy Halloween

Dates to Remember



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5:
SALE STARTS AT 3:00 P.M.
BARBECUE SUPPER AT
6:00 P.M.**

**October 10: 11:30 a.m.
Meet at the Church for
lunch at Johnny's
Seafood; 1:00 p.m. AUW
Meeting at the Church**

**October 13: Board
Meeting Following
Services and Covered-
Dish Lunch**



**October 30: Music
Concert with Jimmy
Merritt and a Mystery
Guest! Covered-Dish
Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Concert at 7:30 p.m.**

**November 2: Grady-
Outlaw Stew Fest**

Claudia's Comments

The official start of fall began September 23, 2019 this year. Mums and pumpkins are starting to appear even though it's still a bit warm and we've already turned the calendar page to October. I'm looking forward to this seasonal change marked by falling leaves, crisp morning air, our annual Harvest Sale October 5th and my yearly challenge to stay away from the candy corn. This year October brings an extra anticipation for me. I will begin the first part of my sabbatical (Oct./Nov.) on October 7th. The remainder of my sabbatical time will be taken at other intervals during this church year in order to minimize the impact of my absence on the congregation. Recently I've been reminded once again how life can change so quickly. We're all dealing with losses and triumphs, daily challenges and changes which are often unvoiced and unnoticed even to ourselves. Paying attention, acknowledging them, giving them space and respecting the accompanying emotions is what community is for. I love that at Outlaw's Bridge we can be real and vulnerable with one another. We continue to evolve new ways to create community among us, pay attention, notice and help one another.

Last Sunday so many people helped me. On my way to church, I fell at the entrance of the restaurant where I usually stop for breakfast and a "last minute" review of the sermon. People couldn't help but notice and quickly jumped into action to help me. The manager cleaned and bandaged my bleeding knee and made an ice bag for my injured arm. When I arrived at church, members brought in my things, assisted me up the chancel steps before the service and one member even loaned me her cane. Multiple other thoughtful acts of care and concern were extended to me throughout the remainder of the afternoon as we enjoyed lunch together and completed the annual meeting. I certainly don't advocate my recent fall as a way to create community among us, but I'm grateful to all of you for this church community's compassionate offers of assistance, care, concern and support.

I'm now learning new ways to do things as I have an orthopedic boot on my right foot to help with the tendonitis and possible stress fracture and will learn soon what's going on with my left arm and my shoulder. Each day I'm reminded of the kindness of both friends and strangers as people hold doors for me...carry things, offer blessings and other assistance. It's not the way I planned to spend the first months of my sabbatical, but life may be sending me a message to adjust my plans, accommodate change and deal with what is.

Although I will be away from October 7th through November 30th, I know you will continue the work of the congregation as you worship and learn together living our mission of welcome, spirit, love and compassion. Enjoy the falling leaves and share some pumpkin pie.

With Love, Hope & Joy,
Reverend Claudia