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## September 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: To be Announced (No Sunday School on September 2)**

**September 2: "Meditative Reflections on Hymns from *Singing the Living Tradition*"** – Jimmy Merritt – This is a service focusing on the power of music to bring peace and tranquility to our being in a turbulent world.

**September 9: "The Endless Story"** – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Storytelling is how we make meaning from our lives. The stories from our families are particularly meaningful to who we are. In preparation for our worship service, please bring something from your family to share. Whether you bring an item to share or not, your presence will be a primary element of the service.

**September 16: "Water Service"** – Congregation – We will share with each other our life-changing events or travels during the past year.

**September 23: "I'm Sorry"** – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Two powerful words that can change your life or someone else's life. "I forgive you" are three more potent words that are sometimes very difficult to say, but just as life changing. How can we rescue ourselves from our grievances and become able to forgive? Is forgiveness or reconciliation even possible in some circumstances? Join us to explore what our Unitarian Universalist faith has to say about repentance and forgiveness?

**September 30: Service with Michael Mozingo**



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#### Dates to Remember

**September 9: Sharing Worship Service: Bring a family treasure/heirloom to share.**

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

**September 13: Quilting at 10:00 a.m.; lunch at Johnny's Seafood at 11:30 and AUW meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

**September 26: Music Concert: Our own Jimmy Merritt will be playing the music of James Taylor and Carol King. Concert at 7:30 p.m. following covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m.**

**September 23: Presentation of oil portraits of Julia and Bryan Outlaw. Annual Meeting following church and covered-dish lunch.**

### HARVEST SALE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

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## Claudia's Comments

I recently enjoyed the luxury of a weekend that was “un-booked”. No social obligations, work or other commitments were hanging over my head. I indulged in a little “me” time. I love to look at magazines when I can steal away the time. It's relaxing for me. Oh...and I slept 14 hours straight...guess you could say I was tired. Most of the time I'm attached to a schedule that dictates where and how I can spend my time so taking a break was a real treat. Have you carved out a little “me time” for yourself lately?

Now that the yellow buses are out on the roads each afternoon Monday through Friday...we're all probably feeling like it's time to say good-bye to summer and get back to a regular routine of some kind. By the time you're reading this, I will be away on vacation. I plan to take some quiet time (maybe on the long airplane flight on the way or back) and work on my goals for our upcoming church year. If you find yourself in need of pastoral care during the first week of September, please call Ann Malpass or Linda Jones. They will have the contact information for the ministers “on call” for our church.

This fall marks the ends of my ninth year with you at Outlaw's Bridge and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my Ordination by the Eno River UU Fellowship. It's a good milestone for me to pause for reflection on my ministry. I plan to look back on the work we've done together and set personal goals for my ministry with you in the coming year. I plan to share some of those with you at our annual meeting on September 23, 2018. I hope you will plan to join us for worship, potluck lunch and the annual church meeting.

Also there's another special thing happening on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The great-great granddaughter of Julia Kent Outlaw and her husband will be with us. They will be presenting the church with the original oil portraits of Julia and her husband, Bryan. This will be a special time to remember the founder of the Universalist Sunday School that launched our congregation in July 1869. Please be here to meet Julia and her family. They would love to meet more descendants of the Outlaw family and all the newer families who help make this congregation vibrant today.

Also be present for a special sharing worship service on September 9<sup>th</sup>, “The Endless Story”. Please bring something from your family to share...a family treasure...an heirloom, a special object passed down from generation to generation...a recipe, photo, story, song or dance. Whether you bring an item to share or not, your participation will be a primary element of the service.

It will be great to see you all after being away for several weeks.

With Love, Hope, and Joy,  
Reverend Claudia