

The Bridge

No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during Phase 2. The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it. Informal services will continue through August. You are encouraged to share stories, pick hymns, and bring readings to share for all services.

August 2, 2020: "The Wisdom of Erma Bombeck" with Linda Jones.

August 9, 2020: "Sharing Service on Kindness" – An assignment that got away. Today, I will commit one random act of senseless KINDNESS – WILL YOU? Bring your kindness experiences to share. **Board meeting following church. Lunch provided.**

August 16, 2020: Services with Jimmy Merritt.

August 23, 2020: "John Lewis: Freedom Fighter" with Lisa Stolar – Mr. Lewis not only fought for freedom for his people, but also other "fights" that we will be interested in.

August 30, 2020: "Cultivate a Pioneer Mindset" with Ann Malpass – Demonstrating a pioneer mentality doesn't mean you have to cross the Rocky Mountains in a covered wagon. Giving yourself a boost and cultivating a more confident and resilient self can be done in the simplest of ways, and the journey may be shorter than you think!



Dates to Remember

Because of the COVID-19 Virus, formal activities at Outlaw's Bridge are curtailed. We are in Phase 2 for reopening activities for the state. We are still encouraged to practice "Safer at Home" orders when possible and gather in groups of no more than ten.

When out, practice social/physical distancing, wash hands and wear face coverings. Please stay in touch with each other during this difficult time. Please take the time to thank the essential workers you encounter!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

May all the students, faculty and staff returning to our schools remain safe and secure.



“Hell, No”

Ever since I was a little girl, I have heard about heaven and hell. I used to picture heaven as a kingdom above the clouds with God acting as the ruler. Hell, to me, used to be pictured as a never-ending pit with fire dancing all about. Over the years, I have changed this conception.

I believe that God made us to show his goodness and to share with us his everlasting happiness in heaven. Note that in the preceding belief, hell is not mentioned. This is because God forgives any sin that the sinner is truly sorry for committing. Therefore, I contend that there is no hell because God does not (logically) send people he forgives to hell.

For those people who commit sins against God and who are not sorry for committing them, I contend that there is still no hell (as a place after death). However, I feel sorry for those people because this “hell” is living with themselves.

God is all-good and all-knowing. He is not one to make mistakes. My God would not create a place as ungodly as hell.

Terri Merritt

Terri is the recently deceased sister to our music director, James (Jimmy) Merritt. Jimmy discovered this composition among others written by Terri while going through her possessions. Jimmy used this as the basis for his service on July 19 at Outlaw's Bridge, along with poetry also written by Terri. He believes this proves that, although not a church goer, Terri was Universalist at heart. He gave us permission to use this composition in this edition of the newsletter.

