
August 2021: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

Welcoming Congregation

The Bridge

**No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during this time.
The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.**

August 1, 2021: Beginning a series of services from **Stories in Faith** by Gail Forsyth-Vail exploring our Unitarian Universalist Principles through Wisdom Tales. First Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person in story, The Bremen Town Musicians. **Bring your own stories about our first principle.**

August 8, 2021: Service will be led by Jeff Price and Jimmy Merritt.

August 15, 2021: "Courage at the Crossroads" – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – First it was a Sunday School, then later an established church. For 152 years our Universalist message of love and acceptance for all has endured at Outlaw's Bridge amidst many changes and challenges. Looking back at the courage of our church ancestors, I wonder, are we ready to meet the demands of this continuing time of Pandemic and the years to come?

August 22, 2021: Our thoughts about Universalist Convocation 2021: **"The Universalist in Me", Sandy Springs, GA.**

August 29, 2021: "A Reason, A Season, A Lifetime" – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – "People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime." For the past twelve years we have been a part of one another's lives. Join us for a celebration of our ministry together; to wish each other well; and to say our "good-byes" until we meet again in the future.



Dates to Remember

August 6-7: Universalist Convocation, Sandy Springs, GA.

August 15: Covered-dish lunch and Board meeting following service.

August 19: 11:30 a.m.: lunch at Johnny's Seafood; 1:00 p.m. AUW meeting at the church.

August 29: Retirement Luncheon for Reverend Claudia Frost.

September 12: Sunday School Program for All Ages Resumes.

October 2: Harvest Sale

Claudia's Comments

Looking through my files for inspiration for my last newsletter column, I noticed Sunday August 1, 2021 is "National Friendship Day". Although it may be later than August 1 when you get this newsletter, I thought I would share something in honor of friendship and those who made a difference in our lives.

The philosophy of cartoonist Charles Schulz and his "Peanuts" characters comes to mind when I remember Charlie Brown and his friends as well as his beloved dog, Snoopy. Charlie Brown's friends were named after good friends of Schulz, and Peppermint Patty was inspired by a cousin of Schulz's. Here's a quiz attributed to the wisdom of Charles Schulz:

In honor of those who influence our lives the most, please read below:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name five people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
4. Name the last Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
5. Name at least 3 Gold Medalists for the USA at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

How did you do? It is difficult to remember the details of yesterday's headlines. All the achievers were top in their field, but when the applause dies, the awards quickly tarnish.

Try this list. You'll probably do better.

1. List two teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name four people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of five people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of at least six people you enjoy spending time with.

Was that list easier?

The lesson for all of us: The people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.

Dear Friends of OBUC...I will remember you...

With Love, Hope & Joy,

Reverend Claudia

