

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. Due to Covid-19, except for Sunday 11:00 a.m. services, many activities remain cancelled. Sunday School programs have been cancelled until further notice.

February 5: "February: A Month of Purification and Atonement" –

Jimmy Merritt – The ancients had a month and festivals for ritual purification and atonements. How do we handle forgiveness in our modern world? Is it to repair a relationship or to repair ourselves? This service will explore why we need to say we are wrong when we are wrong and how concepts of corporate universalist atonement in our modern world may be ineffective.

February 12: "Valentine's Day: Love of Friends" – Facilitator: Lisa

Stolar – Do we truly show love to our friends? Do they understand just how important they are to us? Please be prepared to share your stories of friendship.

February 19: "Moral Clarity: Reclaiming Morality from Conservatives and Fundamentalists" – Reverend Brian

Clougherty – The book **Moral Clarity** notes that ideals of the Enlightenment have led to many progressive changes that we take for granted today. But conservatives and fundamentalists are pushing back, claiming that progressive ideas have led to immorality, dangerously weakening the fabric of society. They claim to have the moral high ground. But we have the moral high ground and need to reclaim it.

February 26: "TBA" – Facilitator: Dave Kundtz



Dates to Remember

February 11: 11:30 a.m.: meet for lunch at Johnny's; 1:00 p.m.: AUW Take Home Sale at the church.

February 12: Covered-dish lunch and Board meeting following service.

Saturday, February 18: 12:00 noon: Repairing the UUA's Approach to Racial Justice: A Convocation of the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council: To be watched per Zoom at church.



Taken From: "On Life, Love, Beauty and the Purpose of Life"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. It is not the length of life, but the depth that matters.

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

It is easy to live for others, everybody does. I call on you to live for yourself. To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

Be yourself; no base imitator of another but your *best self*.

Be not the slave of your own past. Plunge into the sublime seas, dive deep and swim far, so you shall come back with self-respect, with new power, with an advanced experience that shall explain and overlook the old. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting some on yourself.

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. *This is to have succeeded!* Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work, one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer.

He who is in love is wise and becoming wiser, sees newly every time he looks at the object loved, drawing from it with his eyes and his mind those virtues which it possesses.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

This is my wish for you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, Love to complete your life."