
January 2022: 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. We will continue to wear face coverings, socially distance and wash our hands.

January 2, 2022: "Being Here Now" – Jimmy Merritt – Trying to enjoy the moment for what it is without fretting about the past and worrying about tomorrow.

January 9, 2022: "Stories in Faith: Principle Four – A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning" – with Ann Malpass.

January 16, 2022: "Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr." – With Barbara Grady and Lisa Stolar.

January 23, 2022: Continuing "A Look at Our Hymnal – Winter Hymns" – With Ann Malpass and Jimmy Merritt.

January 30, 2022: "The Railroads' Role in Creating the Modern American Industrial Economy" – with Ed Clark.



Dates to Remember

January 9: Covered-dish lunch and Board Meeting following church service.

January 13: AUW Meeting.

January 30: Fifth Sunday Offering will go to the North Carolina Railway Museum, Inc.



Meditation for the New Year

Reverend Josh Pawelek

Now that the holidays draw to their close...

Now that the lamp oil has lasted beyond all expectations, now that the temple has been cleansed and purified, now that the Yule log has burned down to ash, now that the sun has begun its slow winter return, now that the angels have sung their good tidings, now that the new year has been warmly welcomed, now that the wise men have finally arrived in Bethlehem bearing precious gifts...

Let us resolve not to rush through our lives, hurried and distracted, but to be fully present to each day, mindful in each activity, attentive to each person...

Let us resolve to discern the purpose of our lives, and to pursue that purpose with discipline, passion and courage – not just for ourselves, but for the common good...

Let us resolve to stay aware of our connections to larger realities – to other people, to creatures, to the land, to the earth, to the whole of life, to the whole of creation, to all we hold sacred...

And with the music of midwinter still ringing in our ears, let us resolve not only to say what needs to be said, but to do what needs to be done for the sake of building a more just, peaceful and loving world...

Indeed, in this new year may we bring many gifts: to ourselves, to our families, To our communities, to the world...

Amen and blessed be.

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