
June 2025: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

Welcoming Congregation

The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services.

No Sunday School programs and no childcare.

The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

June 1: "Profoundly Artificial, and one of the Triggers of Ecstatic Experience" – Jimmy Merritt – Are we getting Religion all wrong in our modern, secular society?

June 8: "Attitude is Everything" – with Ann Malpass – Remembering Reverend Lois Cavanagh-Daley.

June 15: "Layers of Fatherhood" – Michael Stephenson – Being a father from a variety of angles.

June 22: "Hope Springs Eternal" – Reverend Brian Clougherty – Talking about trust in May, I noted that hope is for when we are not certain we can trust something. Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is the conviction that when things are uncertain, we can know that acting from our values helps build the possibility for a better future. This is "Active Hope", a term that the mystic and author Joanna Macy coined. In these uncertain times, let's examine hope.

June 29: "The Stonewall Generation" – with Linda Jones and Lisa Stolar – Using Jane Fleishman's book, Linda and Lisa will share stories of fearless elders in the LGBTQ community who came of age around the time of the Stonewall Riots of 1969.



Dates to Remember

June 8: Covered-dish lunch and Board Meeting following services.

June 12: AUW meeting at the church at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. for quilting. Leave for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Other quilting days to be announced.



EXERPTS FROM STEVE JOBS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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My second story is about love and loss.

I was lucky – I found what I loved to do early in life. Woz and I started Apple in my parents' garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4,000 employees. We had just released our finest creation – the Macintosh – a year earlier, and I had just turned 30. And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started? Well, as Apple grew we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me, and for the first year or so things went well. But then our visions of the future began to diverge and eventually we had a falling out. When we did, our Board of Directors sided with him. So, at 30 I was out. And very publicly out. What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating.

I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down – that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. I met with David Packard and Bob Noyce and tried to apologize for screwing up so badly. I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me – I still loved what I did. The turn of events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so, I decided to start over.

I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life. During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar went on to create the world's first computer animated feature film, *Toy Story*, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world.

In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together.

I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So, keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.

Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2025!