

The Bridge

No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during Phase 3.
The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

May 2, 2021: "Humor and Laughter: The Path to Survival" – A Sharing Service

May 9, 2021: "The Wisdom of Mothers" – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – Maternal Wisdom is a precious gift. Mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, a foster mother or "mother of your heart", all possess wisdom. Such wisdom needs attention in the present moment, or it may be missed.

May 16, 2021: "The Body Knows" – Reverend Claudia M. Frost – May is Mental Health Month. It's a good time to talk about the stress we've all been living with over the past year. The COVID Pandemic has turned life upside down and challenged us in different ways. Our bodies, minds and spirits suffer during periods of prolonged stress. It's time to pay attention to our mental, physical and spiritual health.

May 23, 2021: "My Theology is Not About Me" – Reverend Justin Lapoint – This is based on an article by Reverend Nancy McDonald in the Universalist Herald. Justin will share some of Reverend McDonald's article and present his reaction to her challenge to contemporary Unitarian Universalism.

May 30, 2021: "Let's Sing Some Hymns" – Jimmy Merritt – An exploration of our hymnal. 5th Sunday collection to the Grady-Outlaw Memorial Library.



Dates to Remember



To all the MOMS, GRANDMAS, AUNTS, SISTERS, Or COUSINS, Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day, Whether you are here Or in HEAVEN now, We are what we are Because of you!!!

May 9: Homecoming Service followed by Covered Dish Lunch

May 12: 7:00 p.m. – Guitar Concert with East Carolina University Professor Elliott Frank.

May 13: AUW Meeting at 1:00 p.m. following lunch at Johnny's Seafood.



Claudia's Comments

May is my favorite month of Spring. Several of my grandchildren have May birthdays so it's time for lots of celebrating in our family. (I love cake!) For many families, it's the month for graduation celebrations...High school, college...even Elementary and Middle schools have "graduation" celebrations in some communities. May is also the month my husband Dave and I married. (It's our 50th anniversary this year). May also means Mother's Day celebrations and Homecoming here at the church.

Last year so many things had to be cancelled or postponed not only for our church, but also for individuals, couples, families and communities all across the country due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This May we can now rejoice in the good news that so many people are now vaccinated and hopefully life will return to a more normal routine soon.

We are celebrating Mother's Day/Homecoming in person on Sunday May 9th. In case you can't make it, we are also going to try again to have the worship service available on ZOOM. Please plan to join us in person if you can and stay for the pot-luck lunch to follow. We plan to set up tables both in the Fellowship Hall and a few on the back lawn as well.

Let's get ready...click your heels together and repeat after me...*There's no place like home. There's no place like home...There's no place like home.* It's time to dust off your ruby red slippers or find your favorite spring shoes and make your way to the church for Homecoming on Mother's Day. We're putting out the welcome mat and looking for you! We've missed you.

During the past year we have had to close the church for a few months due to COVID and tried to meet "virtually" for a time. (The Internet continues to be quite challenging in our area.) We cancelled our homecoming celebration and the Universalist Convocation we had spent months planning. Now we have the opportunity to gather again in larger groups according to the state guidelines. Please mark your calendar and make plans to be with us for Homecoming.

I look forward to seeing you May 9th as we celebrate the "Wisdom of Mothers" during our worship service.

Come on home, y'all!

With Love, Hope & Joy,

Reverend Claudia

