
November 2024: 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.

November 3: "How Did Christianity Come to Replace Stoicism, and Could This have Been the First 'Corporate' Takeover – Jimmy Merritt

November 10: Services with Reverend Brian Clougherty

November 17: "Celebrating Thanksgiving" – with Linda Jones

November 24: "Close Encounters of the Human Kind" – Lisa Stolar
– Lisa will be using Keith Kron's book "What Really Matters".
Also be ready to share your stories of unusual encounters.



Dates to Remember

November 10: Board Meeting Following Services & Covered-Dish Lunch

November 14: AUW Meeting



NOVEMBER 5



**OR VOTE EARLY UNTIL
NOVEMBER 2**

“Army Nurses Diane Evans and Edie Meeks”

A StoryCorps Conversation

Army veterans Diane Evans and Edie Meeks arrived in Pleiku, Vietnam on the same day in February of 1969. Both were from Minnesota, and they built an almost instant friendship. And they were “hooch” neighbors, so bunked right next to each other. In 1969, Pleiku was one of the hot spots of the war, and Diane and Edie worked as nurses on the front lines. They saw casualties of war firsthand, but they never shied away from their job of protecting their patients.

Diane: We were in a very dangerous place in Vietnam, just surrounded by concertina wire. It was the epicenter of the fighting at the time. I remember the sound of shrapnel and the sound of thuds and rockets and mortars and that horrible, terrifying sound.

But we didn’t have time to be afraid. What we did was run to our patients and put mattresses on top of them and take care of their I.V. lines so they wouldn’t pull apart.

Edie: I mean, we were their only defense between the rocket attack and death.

Diane: Yes. But I remember one night we were not on duty. And there was the worst sound I’ve ever heard in my life – hopefully never hear it again. The mirror on the wall in my tiny little closet like room that I had fell off the wall and burst into a million pieces.

And I decided, well, if I’m going to die, I’m going to die with Edie. And so, I crawled out of my little room over these glass shards...I knock on Edie’s door and there you are with your helmet on over your rollers. And you were eating peanut butter and crackers under the bed. I said “Edie, how can you eat at a time like this?” And you said....

Edie: “Listen, I’m going to die happy. I’m going to die full...Peanut butter, little chocolate, little crackers.” (Both Laugh)

Diane: I loved that sense of humor at the time and I still love it. That’s how we survived. But you know, if we had died that night, Edie, we would have been in each other’s arms. We would have been together. And I think maybe our biggest fear was we didn’t want to die alone. And because of that feeling, we stayed so close to our guys.

Edie: Yes. When I got home, everybody expected me to be the person I was when I left. And I wasn’t. You know, the only guys that I could really remember were the guys that died.

Diane: Yeah. (Diane is the Founder & President of Vietnam Women’s Memorial Foundation)