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## November 2025: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

*Welcoming Congregation*

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### 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 2: "Final Words, The Rest of the Story, and Simply

**Being Who We Are"** – Jimmy Merritt – The Bible ends with the

book of Revelations with threats and promises of grace. Let's fill

in between the fall of the Temple and the edict of Constantine

to understand how humans went from Temple to book people.

#### November 9: "Dr. George de Benneville: Teacher, Healer and

**Preacher of Universalism."** – with Ann Malpass – Reverend

Vernon Chandler has donated a Memorial Bench in memory of

Dr. de Benneville. We will search to understand why Vernon finds

this man to be such an important part of our Universalist history.

#### November 16: "Jesus the Man, Part 2" – Reverend Brian

Clougherty – The topic of Jesus the Man has proved to be bigger

than one sermon. This is about a book by Dr. Barbara Thiering

about Jesus being an Essene man who survived a crucifixion

held at Qumran, not Jerusalem and then married Mary

Magdalene and had 3 children. Thiering is very controversial. I

hope to sort the wheat from the chaff of her claims.

#### November 23: "Transformation" – Reverend Mary Martin –

Change makers from the start from Origen to Betancourt: a

legacy of transformation. A review of the 2024 update to Article

2 part 2. Ethan Martin will serve as my service leader.

#### November 30: Service with Reverend Chuck Yancey



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#### Dates to Remember

**November 9: Board Meeting**  
following services and  
covered-dish lunch.

**November 13: AUW Meeting.**  
Meet at church at 11:45 to go  
for lunch. Meeting at church at  
1:00.



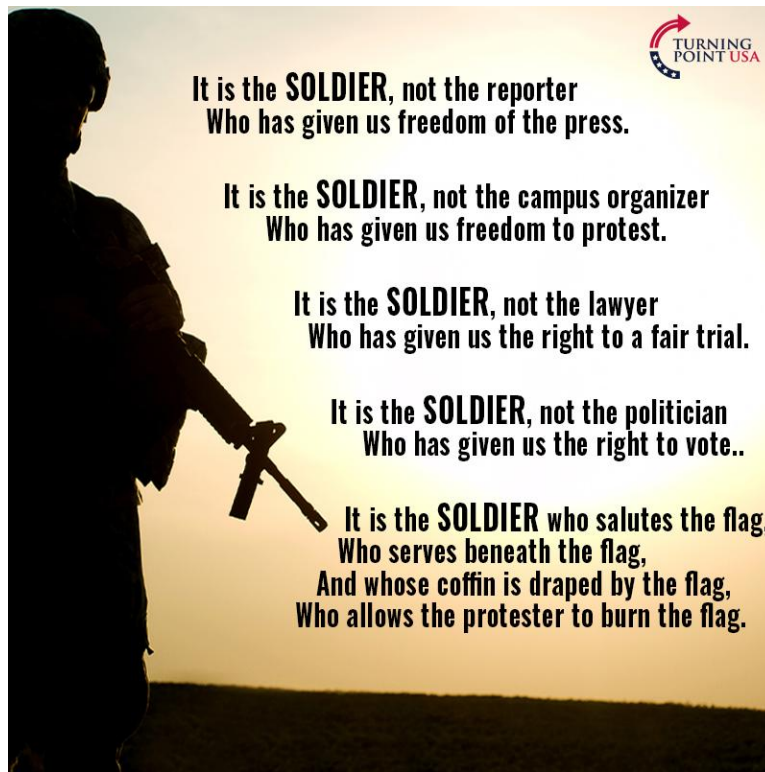
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I asked our “resident” Air Force retiree and historian, Mr. Ed Clark to provide me with a reading or a saying that he regards as influential and important.

These are what he provided me.

Thank you, Ed.



Poem by: Father D. E. O'Brien

“It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country, in defense of us, in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray-haired. But most of them were boys when they died and they gave up two lives – the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for their country, for us. And all we can do is remember.”

Excerpt from President Ronald Reagan’s Veterans Day Speech

Arlington National Cemetery

November 11, 1985