
October 2021: 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.

October 3, 2021: "Water Service" – led by Linda Jones – Sharing our life experiences for the past year. Please bring your stories to share.

October 10, 2021: "3rd Principle from Stories in Faith" by Gail Forsyth-Vail – led by Ann Malpass – 3rd Principal: Acceptance of One Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth.

October 17, 2021: "Taking Sides" – Jimmy Merritt – We often run to our corners when discussing social issues, but an honest discussion must involve a more nuanced approach. The "Taking Sides" approach often blocks people of faith from a true ecumenical experience that could serve the peoples of the earth well.

October 24, 2021: "A Legacy of Universalism" – Reverend Justin Lapoint – Justin's Mother was the daughter of Universalist missionaries in Japan and his Father belonged to and held parishes at a number of Universalist and Unitarian Churches. Justin will share the story of his parent's Universalism.

October 31, 2021: "Stories of The Adopted" – Lisa Stolar – 5th Sunday offering will go to the Guardian Ad Litem Program. This will be defined and there will be hopeful, happy stories about children going from foster care to adoption.



Dates to Remember

October 10: Covered-dish lunch and Board meeting following service.

October 14: Dutch-treat lunch from Johnny's (we will order in) followed by AUW meeting.

October 2: Harvest Sale has been cancelled due to the COVID-19D variant. A contribution made to support Outlaw's Bridge would be appreciated. For those making donations, jams, jellies and other items are available at the church.



An Autumn Song

Autumn skies are cold and gloomy,
Mournful winds begin to sigh,
Withered leaves float slowly downward,
Lingering flowers fade and die;
Nature's summer work is over,
Her rich harvests garnered lie,
And she rests content and grateful,
Heedless of the sombre sky.
Trusting in the future springtime,
Greeting winter without fear,
Musing gladly o'er past labors,
In the twilight of the year;
While her cheerful heart finds music
In the melancholy wind,
And the thought of summer lingers
Like a sunbeam left behind.

The autumn of your life, mother,
Brings its shadow to your sky.
Cherished hopes like pale leaves wither,
Memories like sad winds sigh.
Now your summer work is over;
Time's frosts your flowers kill;
But the storehouse of the future
Richest harvests surely fill.
Long enduring, brave endeavor,
Through long years of care and strife,
Bring their sweet reward to comfort
All the twilight hours of life.
There can fall no snow of winter,
There can blow no bitter wind,
Where such memories warmly linger
Like a sunbeam left behind.

Louisa May Alcott