
September 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.**

September 5, 2021: "Christmas" – Michael Mozingo – It's never TOO early to prepare our hearts for Christmas. That true spirit should never wane. Christmas will be 111 days away and Michael will join us for song, laughter and perhaps a few tears as he reflects upon the "hidden lessons" of Christmas.

September 12, 2021: "2nd Principle from Stories in Faith" by Gail Forsyth-Vail – led by Ann Malpass – 2nd Principle: Justice, Equity and Compassion as an appreciating voice and a Bible voice discuss the story of Creation.

September 19, 2021: "Hymn Sing Along explores Singing the Living Tradition" – This will be a series of services as we explore our hymnal and learn new hymns. This service will look at the section, "The Celebration of Life".

September 26, 2021: "The Women of NPR" – Lisa Stolar – Susan, Linda, Nina and Cokie: four friends who blazed trails for women in journalism and shaped news and a network.



Dates to Remember

September 9: 11:30 a.m.: lunch at Johnny's Seafood; 1:00 p.m. AUV meeting at the church.

September 12: Covered-dish lunch and Board meeting following service. (Annual Meeting Postponed)

October 2: Harvest Sale has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Delta variant. A contribution made to support Outlaw's Bridge would be appreciated.



Claudia's Comments

The 5th Sunday of August was a special celebration of our shared ministry at OBUC. As you know, it was my last Sunday as your "Called Minister" due to my retirement. The theme of the worship service included the following poem as a frame for my good-bye to the congregation.

"A Reason, A Season, A Lifetime" (Anonymous)

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty; to provide you with guidance and support; to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desires fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it. It is real. But only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind, but friendship is clairvoyant.

At the end of the worship service, David Kundtz, the Moderator of the Board of Trustees announced that the congregation had voted to bestow the honor of *Minister Emerita* on me. I was then presented with a certificate and beautifully inscribed glass award. This was quite a surprise for which I am very appreciative.

Thanks for your support and trust in me these past 12 years. Thank you for sharing this journey of love and blessings. And thank you for being as much as an inspiration for me as I've tried to be for you.

For everything there is a season...a next chapter for all of us. I won't say goodbye...I'll just say, until we meet again.

With Love, Hope & Joy,
Reverend Claudia