



The Chalice and the Flame

Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.

A Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, OR

February 2019

Inspiration from the Past

We will soon be focusing as a congregation on the level of our annual giving to UUCS.

It's truly amazing how the previous generations of our congregation had the vision and commitment to provide us with the spiritual home we enjoy today. They found the means to also grace it with art that has significant meaning for each of us, such as the stained glass that enhances our sanctuary. It was truly a gift of love--a gift that we should embrace as an inspiration as we make our own generous pledge decisions.

In 2017 issues of *The Chalice and The Flame*, George Struble described the acquisition of the land and construction of the present church building. He noted that the church was originally constructed using clear window glass. To the large outer protective window was soon added the beautiful stained glass window that we enjoy today-

Local stained-glass artists were asked for proposals. Several of the local artists shared that they had learned from Gary Swanson, located in Mill City. "The Building Committee made the easy choice to go with the master." The actual design of the finished window was a collaboration of ideas from the committee and from Swanson.

The final design and color combination put the Chalice at the center of attention. Gary recalls, "My memory of the project is that this was an exceptional group of people to work with. There was a great amount of dialogue regarding design, color choices and all of it was done with no personal agendas, totally a collaborative effort." The total cost of the contract was \$15,900. In today's market the window would cost in excess of \$22,000, as the finished design contained 187.5 square feet of work.

The impact of the stained glass transcends the simple design of the sanctuary, making it a more receptive place. Sitting in the sanctuary, gazing up, the pieces of this kaleidoscope create a magnificent whole. Isn't this also the nature of our UU community? To this day, I find inspiration each time I spend a few minutes here.

Rev. Rick recalls, "I remember as they were installing the window, piece by piece, how you could only see the big picture when everything was in place. Then we were in awe—what a glorious window!" One of his favorite views of the stained glass is during the winter at night while driving down Cordon Road. He can't resist a quick glance up through the barren trees in Bateman Woods to see the beautiful stained glass glowing brightly in the darkness.

Today we're inspired by the generosity of those who had the vision to go beyond maintaining the status quo. We can embrace their creative aspirations in our own giving during the upcoming funding effort. Hopefully, we will each find a way to increase our giving to help fund some of our aspirations as well as the current financial needs of our congregation.

~Submitted by Joel Woodman

1st Annual Congregational Appreciation Dinner, February 16

Our Annual Congregational Appreciation Dinner (February 16, beginning with a social hour at 5 pm) will be a time for us to enjoy good food, fun, fellowship and celebrate the life and shared ministry of our congregation. Our beloved congregation provides so many programs, activities and opportunities to serve within our congregation and in the surrounding community and yet few get to recognize the full extent of this – we want everyone to know who we are and all that we do so that we can appreciate all that we have. Join us for this family-friendly event. No charge. All are welcome!

[Tell us if you can attend the dinner](#)

Since this event is meant to include everyone in the congregation, please click the button to let us know whether or not you are able to attend. Click on the button to give us an answer.



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

A few years ago, it was my honor to preach the sermon at the installation of the Rev. Lise Adams Sherry as the minister of the First Parish of Norwell, Massachusetts (Unitarian Universalist). (Previously, Lise served as our Associate Minister and Director of Religious Exploration.) First Parish was founded in 1642—quite a historical stretch for a congregation on the North American continent!

In preparation for my remarks, I did a bit of research and read about the many ministers who served them through the centuries. One of their earlier clergy was truly a major league slacker who, more often than not, was scandalously derelict in his ministerial duties. I found it reassuring to read about him — he set a such a low bar for ministry that I felt like a champ by comparison. Any delusions of grandeur were soon dispelled when I read about the minister who served First Parish in the 1830's—The Rev. Samuel J. May. (You've often heard me speak about him. In October he was inducted into the "Abolitionists Hall of Fame.")

I am currently reading May's remembrances of his abolitionist activities from 1830 till the outbreak of the Civil War, and it is humbling to learn about his courageous and committed activism, not only in the abolitionist movement but also in educational reform and woman's rights, not to mention that he was a beloved minister wherever he served.

May expanded our vision of what it meant to be a Unitarian. He was an effective and faithful steward of our free faith religious heritage who helped make us stronger and more inclusive. Knowing of his example inspires and challenges me to be as good a steward of our congregation as I can, although I'll fall short of his example.

Yet, what truly amazed me as I read through the history of this congregation with its succession of a vast range of clergy types was how this relatively small institution persevered throughout — that it has had such rock-solid strength and durability through four centuries and continues to do quite well these days. It was good for me to realize anew that a congregation survives and thrives primarily because of the sacrifice and dedication of beloved members and friends.

For UUCS, young as we are (founded in 1949), there are nonetheless so many, now gone, who belonged, supported, gave and sacrificed for our spiritual home, which was for them the repository of their highest hopes and holiest aspirations and a vehicle through which they could bless the community and the world.

Today it is our turn—we are the stewards of this beloved congregation which embodies our highest and holiest values. This vital role is currently entrusted to us, as it was entrusted to those who came before us and will be entrusted to those yet to come. Stewardship can be done well or done poorly or indifferently. Each member chooses, consciously and unconsciously, wittingly and unwittingly, year by year, generation by generation whether and how they will bless the community. And judging by what I am seeing these days you are choosing wisely and well. In so many amazing ways you are helping to "build beloved community and heal a hurting world." Thank you for being such good stewards. I love the way the American philosopher William James framed it: "the greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

My hunch is that as much good as you may be doing, most are not aware of the full extent of the good our congregation is doing collectively, which is why I urge you to attend the Annual Congregation Appreciation Dinner where you will get the opportunity to see the big picture and also, to have a good meal and great fellowship and some fun. Please do come so we can all be together as one!

Love,
Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

FEBRUARY brings us to the exploration of the Soul Matters theme of “What does it mean to be a people of trust?” Whether you are exploring the theme in a Connection Group, learning from the new Soul Matters at home packet for families, or wanting to hear more about the Soul Matters programs, the question is a good one to consider. In the month that brings talk about celebrating love on Valentine’s Day, we can ask how being a people of trust can spread love and peace to our world. How is being a people of trust connected to spreading peace and love, or is it? I will let you ponder . . . we will be pondering this question in our RE classes. (High School youth will be exploring topics that they choose together. If you wish to have the topic and articles before the upcoming Sundays, please email Christi@UUSalem.org to be added to the google group.)

February 10, the Annual Women’s Bake Sale will be happening. They could use donations of baked items and help with the event. The funds will help support scholarships so that all are able to attend.

February 16 is the dinner celebrating our UUCS community. Children and families are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It is a celebration of what we all bring to this community. I hope to see many of you there.

Opal Creek Trip is coming up April 6-7 for middle school youth (6th-8th grade). There is limited space this year, so please let me know if your youth is interested in attending.

I hope that you have a great February! We  to have your family a part of our RE program!

Until next time...Christi

Other Notes Of Interest From RE

ONGOING: Donations for the Good Samaritan Bags will continue to be collected! Small sample toiletry items, snack size bags of nuts, granola bars, socks, travel size Kleenex packages are all appreciated.

March 1: Canned food drive for Annual Easter “egg” hunt begins. Please start collecting small cans to donate that children will find hidden on our congregation’s grounds. They will trade the found cans in for filled eggs to take home. Food will be donated to Marion Polk Food Share.

March 21-23: Women’s Retreat – Oregon 4H Center

March 31: No RE classes or nursery care due to Spring Break holiday.

April 6-7: Opal Creek trip for Middle School Youth

Happenings and Highlights

Annual Bake Sale, February 10

Plan to purchase sweet treats for your Valentine's Day gifts on February 10! The annual Bake Sale returns to help support the Women's Retreat and cover scholarships for those who might otherwise not be able to attend.

Please consider donating baked goods for this event. Items can be dropped off a day in advance in the UUCS kitchen or brought the morning of the event. Thanks for your support!



PFLAG Meetings at UUCS, Second Mondays, beginning February 11

A new PFLAG chapter has started in Salem. PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We are LGBTQ individuals, family members, friends and allies. Because together, we're stronger. Meetings will be held at UUCS on the second Mondays of the month, beginning February 11, 2019, in the Blue Room from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Michael Pollard is the SJAT liaison. For more information contact Daniel Rollings at 541-257-5637 or email pflagsalemor@gmail.com.

Women's Alliance Feb. 12

All are welcome at the UUCS Women's Alliance meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 12, in Hanneman Fellowship Hall. Alliance member (and former congregation president) Diana Bodtke will speak about Housing and Homelessness in Salem, emphasizing ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). Program co-chair Cheryl Randall explains this is about research indicating the numbers of homeless and the income levels here in Marion County that put people in danger of becoming homeless. The topic dovetails nicely with recent Sunday morning presentations about what is actually happening that helps, or will help, those in that predicament. Those who attended a recent PEO meeting highly recommend the presentation we'll hear. As usual, refreshments and business meeting follow for those who wish to stay.



Celebration Sunday Potluck, February 24

The pledge drive theme this year is "Nurturing Our Beloved Community and Helping to Heal a Hurting World." At the service on Sunday, February 24, pledge slips will be delivered to those present. Those who cannot attend will be mailed a pledge slip. Alternatively, you will be able to fill out your pledge on the UUCS website. Following the service, we will celebrate our appreciation of our UUCS community and mission with a potluck of appetizers and desserts in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorites and watch the smiles as others try them out!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 16

The St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner will be Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Joel Martin will again create a delicious meal of corned beef, colcannon, Irish soda bread, and bread pudding. The delicious vegan option of Shepherd's Pie will be created by Jack Talley. Thank you, Joel and Jack.

100 tickets will be available during fellowship hours (coffee hour) on Sunday February 17 & 24. Adult tickets will be \$10 and tickets for children (10 years or younger) will be \$8. On March 3rd (if tickets remain), prices will be \$12 and \$10, respectively.

Joel and Michael welcome a few volunteers on:

Monday, March 11, 6-9 pm: colcannon preparation

Tuesday, March 12, 6-9 pm: Irish bread pudding preparation

Thursday, March 14 and **Friday March 15**, 6-9 pm: final preparation

Saturday, March 16, 4 pm-10 pm for set up, serving and clean-up.

Contact Michael Pollard at mpollard608@aol.com or Joel Martin at martin5449@comcast.net with any questions and/or to volunteer.



Returning to Silence with Zen Meditation, Wednesdays in February

Each Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. in February, we are offering a wonderful opportunity to meditate in silence together. It's a month of Wednesday evening meditations and lectures to help us begin or return anew to include the peace and stillness of daily meditation in our new year. This is a free series of sitting and walking meditations, silent tea and short talks. The whole UU community is invited to join for this short, focused period of introspection.

2019 Women's Retreat March 22-24

Join UUCS members and friends who identify as women for a weekend of playing, talking, crafting, sleeping, knitting, eating, walking, dreaming and embracing the blessings that keep us all in balance. This year's theme is *Balancing Change*. Come and share in this renewal of body, mind, and spirit. This year's event is scheduled for March 22, 23, and 24 at the 4-H Center. Cost is \$130 per person. Registration forms will be available after services, in the church office and [online](#). For information contact Janet Stevens, 503-949-2457, stevens.janet.kay@gmail.com or Sara Pickett, 503-910-1541, sarapicket7@gmail.com.

Art Works "Call to Entry" Forms Now Available for March Show



Oil Painters, Water Colorists, Fiber Artists, Photographers and more are invited to participate in the first art exhibit at and for UUCS congregants. "Celebrating Creativity" will be held in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 24 - 31, 2019. **START NOW** to create a special piece for this Art Works Team event. All art must be for sale and be able to hang on a wall for display.

Entry forms with all the details of how to submit a work of art are available in the UUCS foyer. They are located in a tray on the credenza behind the Joys and Concerns book stand. If you have additional questions, look for Art Works members wearing red-flowered ribbons on Sunday.

Forty percent of the artwork sales will be distributed to the Art Works Team to supervise and care for works in the church's permanent art collection. Other projects are purchasing and installing a reliable art hanging system in the building as well as developing art exhibits to foster appreciation of the visual arts at UUCS and the wider community.

Help Needed and Appreciated!

Now Hiring An Office Assistant

We are in the process of recruiting and hiring an Office Assistant for UUCS. This year will bring some changes to our office staff. As part of this transition, we are looking to hire a temporary Office Assistant who will help us over the next three months. This person will help assure that the office continues to provide the services that many have come to rely upon. This is a part-time position, 15 hours a week. Depending on what happens in the next three months this position does have the possibility of becoming more permanent.

The Office Assistant is the first point of contact for visitors and congregants and provides clerical and administrative support to the staff as well as to the lay leadership of the congregation. Essential functions include the following: creating and editing documents; managing online email congregation and announcements; managing the congregation's membership database; supporting financial data entry and financial/bookkeeping. The Office Assistant supports the mission and vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. Starting wage is \$12.40 to \$16.80 an hour depending on experience. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send a cover letter and resume to office@uusalem.org.

Landscape Work Party March 9

On Saturday March 9 from 9 am to noon the UUCS Landscape Team will host the first 2019 Landscape Work Party. There's lots to do and all are invited to participate. A major portion of this get together will be cleaning up the areas around the parking lot. While the church has some equipment, it's recommended that volunteers bring more from home. Suggested items to bring are: Gloves - Rakes - Clippers - Buckets - Wheel Barrows.

We're planning to provide some refreshments. If the weather becomes a disaster, the party will be moved forward to the next Saturday, March 16. If you have questions, you may contact either Carolyn & Ted Cory at tedcory48@gmail.com or Iris Sea at irisbillsea@hotmail.com

UUCS Landscape Team: Iris Sea, Carolyn Cory, Ted Cory, Tom Ellis, Robert Galloway, Mako Hayashi-Mayfield & Joel Woodman.

Social Justice News

SJAT Report - February Newsletter

The Social Justice in Action Team opened our lending library on January 6. It is available in the foyer after services. Thank you to Andy and Lana Driscoll for your time and efforts on this project. Our library is set up for self-service, but please visit the SJAT table in the Fellowship Hall with any questions and comments.

PFLAG (the extended family of the LGBTQ community) meetings will begin on February 11 and are scheduled on the second Monday of every month. Michael Pollard is the SJAT liaison for the meetings.

Members have been busy in January attending HCAO [Health Care for All Oregon?] meetings, the LNG pipeline hearing at the Veteran Affairs building, the 3rd annual Women's March in downtown Salem, and the Martin Luther King Rally at North High School.

There are several opportunities for congregational involvement in February. Lobby for Clean Energy Jobs occurs on February 6 at the Elsinore and at the Capitol. The Barnstorm Meeting for HCAO in Wilsonville is on February 9. The purpose of the barnstorm is to organize a campaign to encourage Representative Kurt Schrader, in Congressional District 5, to sign on as a co-sponsor of the Medicare for All Act of 2019. The ACLU is sponsoring Lobby Day at the Capitol on February 18. Also, on February 18, there is a March for Our Students at the State Capitol from 10 am - 1:00 pm. Please visit the SJAT table in the Fellowship Hall for complete information.

The Share the Plate Recipient for January, Center for Hope and Safety, received \$725.18 in donations. Thank you!

~Submitted by Patrice Pollard

Update and Information on Congregations Helping People

Congregations Helping People (CHP) is a local non-profit that assists local people in need. Specifically, CHP focuses much of its resources on keeping people from becoming homeless. CHP is also able to help with services like replacing a birth certificate or ID card, or even the occasional gas voucher, especially when the assistance can help people find employment. UUCS, among other Salem area churches, was a founding church of CHP in 2006. In 2018 and other recent years, UUCS has donated a portion of the Christmas Eve Service collection to CHP.

In 2018, with the help of City of Salem grants, 18 local churches, and individual donations, CHP was able to assist people in the local area with more than \$143,000.

2018 was also a year of change for CHP with long-time employee Tiffany Ottis leaving and CHP hiring new employee Alan LaFleur to assist our clients. Alan has been great, but his employment was always intended to be temporary and he will be moving on as of February or March 2019.

Another way you can help CHP is by joining our all-volunteer Board of Directors, or even spending a few hours each week helping people who come to CHP needing assistance. See the CHPSalem.org website and select the HELP tab for more information about volunteering at CHP. You can also talk with UUCS member Paul Parmley, who is on the Board at CHP, for any more information.

You can also donate directly to CHP on the CHP website.

~Submitted by Paul Parmley

Economic Justice News from the UUA

Perhaps there is no more fundamental issue underlying most of the world's ills than economic injustice and greed. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), is addressing this issue via several projects which we will feature in the Chalice & Flame over the next several months. Here is the first: Escalating Economic Inequity.

At the 2017 General Assembly, Unitarian Universalists (UUs) passed a Statement of Conscience on Escalating Economic Inequity, following four years of study and action. UUs are committed to engage with the escalation of economic inequality as a moral issue. Challenging extreme inequality is a moral imperative. The escalation of inequality undergirds so many injustices which our faith movement is committed to addressing: from economic injustice to mass incarceration; from migrant injustice to climate change; from sexual and gender injustice to attacks on voting rights. Read more by visiting <https://www.uua.org/economic/escalatinginequality>.

Find the UUCS Social Justice Page on Facebook

News of the Community

Sad News

Our community lost some long-time members recently: Stan Seleen, Jerry Bray and Bev Herrin. Jerry's Memorial service was January 26. Stan's service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on February 23. Bev Herrin's service will be on March 2. Please hold their families in your hearts during this difficult time.

Please refrain from sending flowers to Cheryl Seleen. Due to allergies, she cannot enjoy them for their intended purpose. Cards of condolences are gratefully received.

Lennie Martin Virtual Book Tour

You're invited to take part in Lennie's Virtual Book Tour featuring her newest historical fiction novel, "The Prophetic Mayan Queen." Ten book reviewers and bloggers are hosting her on their blog sites with interviews, guest posts, excerpts, and book reviews. From February 4 through February 28, you can go to their sites and read what they've posted. Then, enter the contest to win an ebook or paperback copy by commenting. Help create buzz! For a list of blog sites and links, go to Lennie's [Mists of Palenque website](#).

Calendar

Family Promise

February 3-10

Age 60+? Improve Your Health or Your Money Back!

Tuesday, February 5, 2:00 pm

Four (free) workshops on health and aging.

Workshop registration is closed.

Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. It serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society but which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner. All are welcome to attend.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Every Wednesday, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

A welcoming place for meditation practice.

Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.

Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Worship Planning Webinar

Thursday, February 7, 10:00 am

Worship After Dark Part #2 will talk through the worship service itself. We'll look at the shape and flow, the success and past mistakes of Sanctuary worship gatherings. This will include notes on the outreach, community feel, music styles, participation, and accessibility.

Choir Rehearsal

Every Thursday, 6:30 pm

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, February 7, 6:30 pm

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

ArtWorks Team Meeting

Friday, February 8, 10:00 am

Monthly business meeting of the ArtWorks Team. Open to all interested UUCS members.

Refuge Recovery

Every Friday, 7:00 pm

UUCS' Addiction Recovery Ministry and Support program is glad to sponsor the Refuge Recovery group meeting every Friday from 7 to 8 pm at UUCS. The mission of this national non-profit organization is to build an extensive and comprehensive network of groups, meetings, and communities that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. Drawing inspiration from the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths, emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as means for overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they understand the suffering that addiction has created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced.

Ritual Crafting Workshop

Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am

Annual Bake Sale

Sunday, February 10, 11:30 am

See article

Building Sacred Ground, Session 3

Sunday, February 10, 12:00 pm

Social Justice in Action Team Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 12:30 pm

The monthly SJAT meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Imbolc Ritual & Potluck

Sunday, February 10, 5:00 pm

PFLAG Meeting

Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm

See article.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 pm

Monthly program and meeting.

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 5:30 pm

Finance Team Meeting

Friday, February 15, 10:30 am

Congregational Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, February 16, 5:00 pm

See article

Dharma Group

Sunday, February 17, 9:00 am

Facilitator: Tom Ellis

Building Sacred Ground, Session 4

Sunday, February 17, 12:00 pm

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, February 17, 12:00 pm

Men's Group Meeting

Sunday, February 17, 12:30 pm

UU men will be meeting to connect with each other, continuing the spirit of the two retreats. All UUs identifying as men are welcome! Men attending will check in and there will be discussion. All that is discussed will be kept confidential unless the safety of a participant or someone else is at risk.

Worship Team Meeting

Monday, February 18, 5:30 pm

Monthly Meeting of the Worship Team to plan and discuss Sunday Services.

Committee on Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 10:30 am

Safer Congregation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 5:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm

(See February 5)

Board Retreat

Wednesday, February 20, 5:30 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, February 21, 7:00 pm

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without.

ArtWorks Art Making

Friday, February 22, 10:00 am

Celebration of Life for Stan Seleen

Saturday, February 23, 2:00 pm

Celebration Sunday Dessert Potluck

Sunday, February 24, 11:30 am

See February 24 service.

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, February 25, 4:00 pm

Join the communications team for discussion of progress on our UUCS newsletter, website, Facebook, publicity and video projects. Newcomers or visitors welcome.

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 6:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 pm

(See February 5)

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 4:00 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, March 1, 7:00 pm

(See February 21)

Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 am

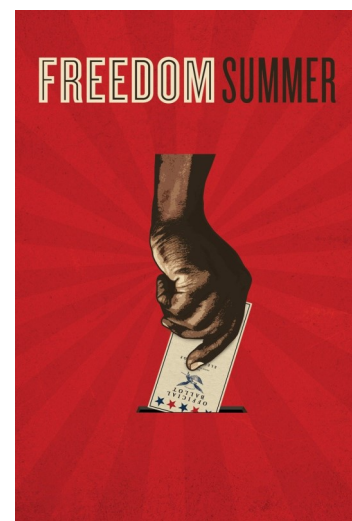
Celebration of Life for Bev Herrin

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am

Team Council Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 12:00 pm

*The next Peace with Justice Film, Summer Freedom, will be shown on **February 10** at Salem Friends Meeting (490 19th NE), beginning at 2 pm. The showing is free and open to the public.*



Worship Services and Religious Exploration

February Share the Plate Recipient: [Minister's Discretionary Fund](#)

Service Time: 10:30 am

Sunday, February 10

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Being Trustworthy"

Celebrant: Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Steve Rosen
Music: UUCS Choir

Levels of trust in American society are sinking. Is this simply inevitable?

Sunday, February 17

Gloria Holland

"A Big More!"

Celebrant: Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Tom Ellis and Laura Christian
Music: Darcy Schmitt

Most of us work for a better world. How do we keep positive in the face of disappointment and even failure? Is what we do individually and collectively enough?

Sunday, February 24

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Building Beloved Community. Healing a Hurting World"

Celebrant: Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett
Music: UUCS Choir

Several members and Rev. Rick will share their perspectives on why they appreciate and support our congregation and our free faith tradition.

Celebration Sunday! Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert for our potluck. All offerings are welcome.

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is 8:00 pm on Friday, **March 1.**

Sunday Announcements and This Week submissions are due by noon, **Tuesday.**

Use the [Publication Request](#) form for all submissions.