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

March 2019

Pledge Drive Continues

During the service on February 24, we heard about how UUCS is “Building Beloved Community; Healing a Hurting World”. The service and the Celebration Sunday potluck opened our pledge drive. Please consider the many ways that UUCS affects your lives and the many organizations in our community that benefit from our support. ([Listen to Rick’s sermon on our website.](#))

Your Estimate of Giving forms for 2019-20 are due by March 11. You can fill out a paper form at the church or use the [handy online form](#).

Master Gardener will Speak to Alliance March 12

All are welcome to come hear Tobie Habeck from Master Gardeners speak to the Women’s Alliance at UUCS on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 pm. Ms. Habeck will discuss class offerings and the variety of programs Master Gardener participants may choose to become involved in. She will also give some tips on early spring gardening. Visitors are welcome to stay for refreshments and, if they wish, the business meeting.



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 wonderful 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.

While supplies last, tickets will be available during fellowship hour on March 10. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$10 for children aged 10 years and younger.

Joel and Michael would also 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.

Celebrating Creativity: Art Works Show and Sale Almost Here!

The Artworks exhibit and sale will be held March 24 - March 31 in Hanneman Hall. Artists should bring in their artwork either Tuesday, March 19 or Wednesday, March 20 from 12 noon to 6 pm. If you can't make either of those dates, please contact one of us so that we can make other arrangements with you. Be sure to bring in your Submission Form, the last page in the Call for Entry, your \$5 entry fee, and attach your filled-out label to the back of your artwork.

We invite all congregants to attend the exhibition, whether after Sunday Services or during the last week of March. Fill out your choice for the People’s Choice Award anytime during the exhibition. You may purchase a unique piece of art that you love on either March 24 or March 31.

Plan on attending the Artists’ Reception, Sunday, March 31 after church service when the *People’s Choice Awards* will be announced. This is your chance to recognize and celebrate the visual artists among us!





Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

Since I announced that I will be going on my first extended sabbatical (3 months beginning April 1), well-wishers have been wondering "What are you going to do? Where are you going?" Frankly, the first thought that comes to my mind is what I will NOT be doing, which is all the daily duties and responsibilities of ministry. I love what I do and it's a great honor to serve as your minister, but I know that a bit of a break will be good for me after many years in my role, and I hope it will be good for our congregation, too. Yes, we'll miss seeing each other for a few months, but we'll get to explore and grow in some new ways and re-engage in fresh ways with new perspectives.

There will be a small Sabbatical Handbook coming out soon which will more fully explain how ministerial responsibilities will be handled in my absence, and we'll introduce our sabbatical minister, the Rev. Mark Gallagher, who has spoken here many times and has an enticing sermon series he wants to share.

We have strong teams with wonderful volunteers who work closely with me in all aspects of our shared ministry and they, along with Rev. Mark, will be there to cover most matters usually under my purview. Our board of directors – smart, wise, conscientious and dedicated people – recognize their responsibility for our congregation. Our staff are capable of functioning independently and we will have our Human Resources Committee for any personnel matters that might arise.

As for me, as for what I will be doing, briefly, here's how I envision my sabbatical going. There may be some travel, but long stretches away from home are not part of the plan. I meditate and walk every day, but never feel like I get to do as much of either as would be really good for me, so I want to do more of both. Indeed, I see some hikes happening during my sabbatical – maybe in the Columbia Gorge or up in the Cascades or on the coast. Or all three. Why not? We live in such a lovely state – I yearn to enjoy it more.

Then, there's a ministerial writing project that has been simmering on the back burner for several years now. I've never been able to find the time and space to make it a primary focus and get it done, but now I have a chance. More on that later.

Then, there's a stack of unread books calling out to me. A few of them have to do with "Non-violent Communication." A good friend has invited me to engage in deeper study of this in preparation for some community forums he'd like me to participate in. The purpose of NVC is to help create deeper insight into how we engage and communicate, especially in stressful circumstances. This is one of a number of tools that can help us stay in covenantal relationships, and I hope what I learn will help us all.

Above all, just having some time away will give me an opportunity to look at the big picture and gain a loftier perspective. A person can get in a rut of routine and miss recognizing new ways of seeing and doing things. This will be a precious opportunity for me to look at the larger picture, and I'm deeply grateful to you for affording me this opportunity.

Love,
Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

Dear Families,

March brings us to our new Soul Matters Theme that we explore in our Religious Exploration (RE) classes and in our congregation, "What does it mean to be a people of journey?"

When we hear this question, each of us will have our own first thoughts. Travelers among us will most likely begin to ponder a past or future traveling journey. Perhaps people that have been searching for a religion that feels right to them will consider this question to be about a spiritual journey, while others may combine thoughts and consider it about a life journey. However you answer and explore this theme, there is no one right first thought or way to think about this. It is a personal opportunity to begin to unpack what this means to you.

For me, when I read the theme, my first thought was about a life journey. I have used the term "life journey" often while helping children visualize a hard past as part of their journey. Being able to see that we move through life and continue this journey seems to be very healing, helping them to recognize that it is possible to move on. Many that I have helped have wished for things to have been different in their life journey but have had a hard time recognizing this is possible. Visualizing a path that continues as you move along and live has really helped. I adopted four children that had been in foster care. One of my daughters said to me when she was little, "Mom, I wish I had been in your stomach." While I understood her sentiment and had wished that as well, in order to have avoided the things that had happened to her in her past, I said in response that if you had been, you would not be the same special person you are now that I got to choose to parent. I personally believe that our life journeys and how we handle them can make us stronger and that we can keep moving forward.

The Religious Exploration Program has subscribed to the Soul Matters Home for families. The March packet has been delivered. If you have not received an email with a packet of information about this month's theme and you would like to, please be sure you are registered with RE so that we have your current email address for our email list.

I hope you will have the opportunity to explore this theme with your family, or connection group or with a friend, as we travel through the days of March together in community at UUCS!

Until next time...Christi

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

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.
- EASTER EGG ANNUAL CAN HUNT:** 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 24 :** No individual RE classes or Nursery. / RE will be moving supplies to make room for the preschool's use of cupboards. Help is welcome .
- March 31:** No RE classes or nursery care due to low attendance during Spring Break holiday

Happenings and Highlights

Piano Concert March 9 - "Becky Billock - Mother Earth".

Join us for a celebration of nature in music and poetry featuring pianist Becky Billock as she celebrates Mother Earth. A walk in the forest, a mountain stream, a dog chasing squirrels, a polar bear sauntering across the ice – all these and more are explored in the solo piano performance "Mother Earth." Sure to ignite the imagination, the program will feature the world premiere of "Sounds of a Fjord" by Norwegian composer Kaja Bjørntvedt. Don't miss this musical and poetic journey through earth's spectacular landscapes.

The event will be held at UUCS on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets at the door are \$12 (\$8 students). For more information call 503-364-0932, or email music@uusalem.org.

Becky Billock, a Pittsburgh-based piano soloist, recording artist, and chamber musician, is touted as "an unforgettable listening experience." (Fanfare Magazine) Local residents may remember her as the pianist in the group Trio Nova Mundi visiting UUCS last spring.

The program includes works by Amy Beach, Marion Bauer, Henry Cowell, Edvard Grieg, Karen Tanaka, Bonnie McLarty, Elisenda Fabregas, Patrick Burke, Germaine Tailleferre, Robert Schultz, Katherine Hoover, Gwyneth Walker, and Kaja Bjørntvedt.



WOU Early Music Ensemble March 10

UUCS Concerts in the Sanctuary presents "Cantiones Sacrae," German music from the 17th and 18th centuries on Sunday, March 10, at 3 pm. The performance is by the Early Music Ensemble of Western Oregon University. Enjoy music by Schütz, Scheidt, Christoph Bach, and Telemann.

The \$10 suggested donation benefits WOU and UUCS music programs. For more information call 503-364-0932, or email music@uusalem.org.

The Western Oregon University Early Music Ensemble, directed by Dr. Dirk Freymuth, is a chamber group comprised of singers and instrumentalists specializing in the music of the renaissance and baroque eras.

March 17 Concert in Salem Features Zachary Gulaboff Davis



The Salem Symphonic Winds will play music by Zachary Gulaboff Davis on March 17 at 3 pm at the Elsinore, as part of a "Grand Tour Musicale." Keith Weathers and John Skelton will take you on a musical tour celebrating some of the finest traditional band literature from home and abroad, including the world premiere of a new trumpet solo by local composer Zach Gulaboff Davis—featuring Joan Paddock, trumpet soloist. Zachary is planning on attending the concert. For more information visit the [Symphonic Winds Facebook page](#).

Women's Retreat March 22-24 – Sign up Now

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. Cost is \$130 per person. Registration forms will be available after services, in the church office and online. [Retreat details and signup](#) can be found on our website.

Join the UUCS Garden Share!

Love to garden? A new group is starting up, UU Garden Share. This will be a place where you can offer extra plants or seeds to other gardeners. You can also request plants and seeds you would like to receive. An in-person seed and plant exchange is planned for spring, date TBD. If you only grow houseplants and would like to give some away, or request some, you are also welcome to join this group. Want to connect with other UU gardeners? For more information, visit the [UUCS GardenShare forum](#) or contact Jessie Wilson at naturelvr_88@yahoo.com or (503) 877-7961.

Social Justice News

The Social Justice in Action Team (SJAT) sponsored the documentary, "Making Waves: The Rebirth of the Golden Rule" on February 2, 2019. Thirty-seven people came together to learn about the possibility and hope of nuclear disarmament. Quiltman Sahme, from the Warm Springs Reservation, opened the event with welcoming words and an evocative sacred song. Jess Gaspar, from the Marshallese community of Salem gave a powerful testimony of the effects of nuclear testing and told the audience that former Bikinians are not and will not be able to go back to Bikini Atoll because of the radioactivity of the soil and groundwater. \$128 was donated to the Golden Rule Project.

Eighteen people attended the first PFLAG meeting on Monday, February 11 and expressed appreciation of our beautiful building as they met in support. The next meeting will be on March 11 in the Fellowship Hall.

Two team members attended the ACLU Lobby Day on February 18, 2019. The focus was on Immigrant Rights, Youth Justice, and Accountability of District Attorneys.

Many members attended Representative Kurt Schrader's Town Hall Meeting at the Salem Public Library on Wednesday, February 20 to show support for the members of HCAO (Health Care for All Oregon). They were hoping for his support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019, and wanted to encourage him to support HR 6097 which will allow states to build their own single payer systems. Representative Schrader's remarks indicated he will not support either. A team member told Representative Schrader that the CDC (Center for Disease Control) opioid guidelines reduce the quality of life for people with chronic pain due to the reduced amount of pain medicine they are able to obtain.

On February 25, two SJAT members participated in the IMIrJ (Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice) online meeting. IMIrJ is holding a Legislative Lobby Day on April 8.

Causa Advocacy/Lobby Day will be held on March 26, starting at the First Congregational United Church of Christ before heading to the State Capitol. Please visit the SJAT table for complete information for both Lobby Days.

Ed Brandt, of the Northwest Board of Directors for the Farm Ministry, asks that congregational members who shop at Costco and/or Whole Foods consider purchasing produce with the EFI (Equitable Food Initiative) logo. This produce "certifies that the workers who harvest your food are treated with respect and compensated fairly".

The Share the Plate recipient for January, Family Promise, received \$780.74. Thank you!

~Submitted by Patrice Pollard

*Cherie Ulmer
signing at the March
for our Students on
Feb18*



Salem Progressive Film Series March 19

On March 19 at 7 pm, the Salem Progressive Film Series will present "The Devil We Know. The Chemistry of a Cover-up" at the Grand Theatre. Tickets are \$5. More information is available on the [SPFS website](#).

End of Life Choices Oregon - Informational Session March 23

Leaders from End of Life Choices Oregon (EOLCOR) will present a program on March 23 from 1 to 2:30 pm at UUCS on how you can support mid-Valley residents who are considering "Death with Dignity" for their terminal illness. A Salem-based team is forming, and a training session is planned later this year. For further information, contact Eric Schuman at ericpa3@comcast.net.



Find the UUCS Social Justice Page on Facebook

Thoughts From Our Community

Soul Matters: Our Thoughts on Trust, the Theme for February

Steve Rosen collected the following answers by congregation members to these questions: "What have you trusted since childhood?" and "What have you never lost faith in?"

Until their deaths, I always trusted in my parents' love and caring, even when we disagreed. I've always had faith in pets to provide companionship and peace. - *Anonymous*

I have always trusted the love of my parents and the basic goodness of most people. - *Sue Strong*

I trust my wife and my friends, sometimes my kids, and always my pets. - *David Haber*

Until recently I've always had the naïve belief that there is balance in the human condition. If you have an abundance of valued things, it's perhaps balanced with fewer rich relationships. If you are fortunate to travel the world, you may be struggling with depression that hampers your enjoyment of life's experiences. Now older and more cynical, I've come to embrace the idea that a basic fact of life is that sadly there are inherent inequities in the human condition. However, in the big picture, this is probably okay. It probably all balances out in a form of a global homo sapiens homeostasis that we still don't comprehend. - *Anonymous*

The ocean. You go to the coast and there is the water, coming in, going out, coming in, going out. It doesn't change. It might cause things to change, like the coastline or creating sand. It might look angry, calm, excited, but it just keeps going, even when we as humans try to pollute it or change its course, it just goes, "Oh, well, I was here before you and I will be here after you." This seems very reassuring to me. Even with all the potential problems we will be dealing with related to the health of the ocean, it remains for me a reassuring, centering entity. - *Sara Pickett*

I have trusted and never lost faith in my family. - *Lorna Youngs*

I have never lost faith in the love of my family, reinforced through a lifetime of examples of kindness, generosity, sacrifice, trust, and being truly present with me. I believe that most people exhibit those same qualities much of the time. So, I would also say that I have never lost faith in the basic goodness of humanity. We are so interconnected, I think we fall into a trap when we see others as different from ourselves. I believe we are all family and that we should treat each other accordingly. - *Anonymous*

I trust Nature. Its fury and glory are equal in my eyes. What has been done to heal or hurt the natural world will be evident in the function of the myriad of interdependent systems making up our planet. These systems are what I trust, they are doing exactly what they should be doing. - *Jean Logan*

There is nothing I was offered as a child that has not since been betrayed. Somebody really smart once said all it takes is a Mustard Seed of Faith to move mountains. Faith translated literally from Hebrew is Hope where there is no cause for hope. When I meet someone new I give them my trust to a certain extent – an opportunity to invest in a relationship with me. This is an expression of my faith - the mustard seed that is given a chance to grow. Peace and respect, *Victor Reppeto*

UUA News

General Assembly in Spokane, Washington June 19-23



General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Anyone may attend. The 2019 General Assembly will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington. This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We." Visit the [UUA General Assembly webpage](#) for information about the over 100 programming selections available during the five-day conference, as well as housing and scholarships to support delegates.

UUA Economic Justice Projects

Perhaps there is no more fundamental issue underlying most of the world's ills than economic injustice and greed. Our UUA is addressing this issue via several projects which we are featuring in the Chalice & Flame for several months. Here is the second article: "Raising the Minimum Wage."

In 2013, [six years ago!] the Unitarian Universalist Association President Rev. Peter Morales and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee President Rev. Bill Schulz issued a joint statement on raising the minimum wage. The minimum wage in the United States was originally intended to be a living wage, yet it's been decades since it was. We view raising the minimum wage to a living wage as a moral imperative and are working on local, state and national levels to do so through campaigns such as "Fight for \$15", and more.

Read more on the [UUA's Living Wage webpage](#).

Help Needed and Appreciated!

Landscape Work Party March 9



On Saturday March 9, from 9 am to noon, the UUCS Landscape Team will host the first Landscape Work Party of 2019. There's lots to do and all are invited to participate. A major portion of this get-together will be the cleaning up of the areas around the parking lot. While the church has some equipment, it's recommended that you 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're welcome to contact either: Carolyn & Ted Cory at tedcory48@gmail.com or Iris Sea at irisbillsea@hotmail.com. Our Landscape Team: Iris Sea, Carolyn Cory, Ted Cory, Tom Ellis, Robert Galloway, Mako Hayashi-Mayfield & Joel Woodman.

Spreading the Word - Your Feedback Requested

The UUCS Communications Team recently added a UUCS slide to the Salem Progressive Film Series video loop before each film. We also added the same slide to the CCTV Billboard. And, with the help of Barbara Stebbins Boaz we made a short Public Service Announcement for use on CCTV. Our team would love to have your (helpful, kind) feedback on these, or your other good ideas about where we could make UUCS known. Send feedback to: publicity@uusalem.org. Thank you.



*All Congregational Dinner
February 16, 2019*

Calendar

Landscape Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2:30 pm

Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, March 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. 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.

Choir Rehearsal

Every Thursday, 6:30 pm

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 pm

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

ArtWorks Team Meeting

Friday, March 8, 10:00 am

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

Finance Team Meeting

Friday, March 8, 10:30 am

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 network of groups that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. 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.

Landscape Work Party

Saturday, March 9, 9:00 am

See Article

Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 am

Piano Concert: "Becky Billock - Mother Earth"

Saturday, March 9, 7:00 pm

See article.

Compassionate Connection

Sunday, March 10, 11:30 am

Please join us, following service, for Compassionate Connection, a time when we lay our hands upon those in distress and our minister offers a prayerful reflection. We also invite other members to join us and offer compassionate support.

Social Justice in Action Team Meeting

Sunday, March 10, 12:30 pm

The monthly SJAT meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cantiones Sacrae - WOU Early Music Ensemble

Sunday, March 10, 3:00 pm

See article.

PFLAG Meeting

Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm

See article.

Habitat and Hope Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 12:30 pm

Homeless Coalition partnership with other Interfaith groups

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 pm

Finance Team Meeting

Friday, March 15, 10:30 am

St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, March 16, 6:00 pm

See article.

Dharma Group

Sunday, March 17, 9:00 am

Facilitator: Tom Ellis

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, March 17, 12:00 pm

Men's Group Meeting

Sunday, March 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, March 18, 5:30 pm

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

Committee on Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 am

Art Exhibit Drop-Off

Tuesday, March 19 and Wed., March 20, 12:00 pm
See article.

Safer Congregation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 5:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm
(See March 5)

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, March 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.

Women's Retreat - Oregon 4H Center

Friday, March 22, through March 24
See article.

ArtWorks Art Making

Friday, March 22, 10:00 am

Finance Team Meeting

Fri, March 22, 10:30 am

UUCS Art Exhibit

March 24, through March 31

No RE Classes - Spring Break

Sundays, March 24 & 31

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, March 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.

Microfinance Committee Meeting

Monday, March 25, 6:30 pm

The UUCS Microfinance Committee will meet to discuss support for new projects.

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm
(See March 5)

Finance Team Meeting

Friday, March 29, 10:30 am

Celebration of Life for Jean Kamps

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 pm



Celebration Sunday Potluck

February 24, 2019

Worship Services and Religious Exploration

March Share the Plate Recipient: [Partner Church Fund](#)

Service Time: 10:30 am

Sunday, March 10

The Rev. Judy Zimmerman

"Praying for the Journey"

Celebrant: Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Lennie Martin
Music: UUCS Choir

Is belief in a personal God necessary in order to pray? Why do we pray when we're in need? How might prayer work? This morning we'll explore some of the faces and functions of prayer.

Sunday, March 17

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Creating and Preserving Community Art"

Celebrant: Gloria Holland; **Anchor:** Laura Christian
Music: Guy Hallman

Artist Lynn Takata will speak of her work with hundreds of community members in the creation of the Salem Peace Mosaic and of current efforts to preserve it from destruction.

RE Information: Today in RE we will be learning about St. Patrick and enjoying some fun GREEN activities! Youth will continue their discussions in their classroom.

Sunday, March 24

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Who is Creative?"

Celebrant: Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Becky Harrison
Music: Barbara Stebbins-Boaz

Who is Creative? What is art? What does this mean for you? Please join Rev. Rick and members of the Art Works committee as we reflect upon the spiritual role of art in our lives

RE Information: **No RE Classes** due to our volunteers at the Women's Retreat and spring break! Staff will be cleaning out our cupboards and making room for the preschool to use most of them and RE will be moving things to the shed. Children that attend can help us with this project!

Sunday, March 31

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Rev. Rick's Q & A Sunday"

Celebrant: Name; **Anchor:** name
Music: Name

It's a tradition - once a year Rev Rick fields written questions submitted during worship. So, what question is arising in your mind that you'd like him to address during this worship service before he heads off on his 3 month sabbatical

RE Information: **No RE Classes today** - we are out for spring break week. Please feel free to have children join you in the service. If you need more space to move around, please feel free to use the Cozy Corner in the fellowship hall where you can see and hear the service. Enjoy the time with your families.

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EVENT SCHEDULING: please use the [Event Scheduling Request](#) form on the UUCS website to add your event to the UUCS calendar and/or reserve a UUCS space.

PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fill out the [Publication Request](#) form on the UUCS website for any announcement, event or news item. This form is a one-stop place to put a notice in the Sunday announcements, the UUCS newsletter, the UUCS website, the *This Week* email and or Facebook.

DEADLINES:

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is 8:00 pm on Friday, **March 29.**

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

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