



**Message from the  
 Board President**

**May 2025 UUA General Assembly Adopted Issues**

At the annual 2025 UUA General Assembly, four proposed issues were adopted and our congregations were strongly encouraged to address these (AIW) throughout the year or (CSAI) over the next three years. The board will be considering them as well as the Worship Committee who have been invited to create services around these topics. **An Action of Immediate Witness (AIW)** is a statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among UU member congregations and groups. **We Declare and Affirm: Immigrants Are People Who Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights.** As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm the sacredness of every human being and our shared humanity across lines of culture, experience, and theology. Our faith compels us to uphold the inherent worthiness and dignity of all people, including immigrants, and to insist they be treated with love, compassion, and justice.

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**Sunday Services**

**Aug 3 - "Contraduction"**

- Led by: **Peg Beison**

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook. -- You're right! Contraduction is not an official word, but we are going to explore the possibilities of a new word to describe getting reality exactly backwards. Be ready for head-scratching, thinking-outside-the box fun.

**Aug 10 - "Spiritual Harvests"**

- Led by: **Rev. Dan**

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook. -- August is a time for harvesting crops and reaping what was sown. This harvesting is essential for our continued existence – without it, we die. But we also need food for the soul, or that, too, can wither away. What feeds your soul?

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**Calendar**

- 3 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Peg Beison ~ 11:00 am
- 3 Sunday YUUMM Meeting ~ School House ~ 12:30 pm
- 7 Thurs Personal Care Ministry @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 10 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan ~ 11:00 am
- 11 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 14 Thurs Ladies Lunch @ Eagles Nest ~ 12:00 am
- 17 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan ~ 11:00 am
- 24 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: February Sky ~ 11:00 am
- 24 Sunday CUUPs Pagan Group meets ~ After Social Hour
- 25 Mon The Bellnote Newsletter, Submissions Due
- 25 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 31 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: TBA ~ 11:00 am
  
- Sept 8 Board Meeting

**Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom!**

Congregations should cast off the cloak of isolation and transcend our differences—both within and beyond ourselves—to defend the guarantees of just law, constitutional integrity, equal justice, meaningful separation of powers, due process, and the freedoms of speech, press, and assembly by: *non-violent civil society action, including our vocal support and exercise of these guarantees and our witness legislative advocacy; and judicial action, including our support of impactful litigation.*

**Defending LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Funding Crisis: A Call for Global Solidarity** Our Unitarian Universalist principles affirm the dignity of every person, justice and compassion in human relations, and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. Our UU faith calls us to recognize that all bodies are sacred, and that each person is endowed with the divine gifts of agency, conscience, and self-determination, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. **Congregation Study/Action Issues, (CSAI)** are issues selected by Unitarian Universalist member congregations for **three years of study**, reflection, and action. The purpose is to provide congregations with an opportunity to mobilize energy, ideas and resources around a common issue. The selected CSAI was **Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation**. Abolition is a holistic approach to systemic social change that includes, but is not limited to: the abolition of slavery; replacing systems and cultures of violence, coercion and control with transformative justice and relational practices; and dismantling the prison-industrial complex as we now know it. It requires the transformation of our society and the replacement of our current public theologies of retributive justice and violence. A commitment to the practices and ideals of abolition would ask our congregations to make connections among many threads of our social justice work.

Submitted by: Rev. Dan and Ann Green

**Sunday Services Continued...**

**Aug 17 - “If the Shoe Fits”**

- Led by: Rev. Dan

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UUs often struggle with spiritual language – words like holy, sacred, and grace, but can we abandon religious words and still call ourselves a church? Come and explore this question with Rev. Dan.

**Aug 24 - “Quite Early Morning”**

- Led by: February Sky

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook.

**Aug 31 - “Favorite Things”**

- Led by: TBA

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