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From the Minister

Greetings All!

As I write in anticipation of November, I wonder why time goes by so fast for me these days. I would like to think it is because my days are full, my life is meaningful, and I am doing what I love which is working with a great bunch of people toward building a beloved community through our shared ministry. On the other hand, it could be that I'm just getting older and with it, the sense that time is flying.

Either way, November looks like another month filled to the brim with goings-on here at the church. **First, remember that on November 1, the clocks will roll back one hour as daylight savings time ends for the winter.** If you forget, no worries because you will be an hour early for church Sunday morning and we'll have the coffee on for you.

On Sunday, November 2, the kids will be handing out Guest At Your Table boxes that they made in October. Every household will be asked to put this box on your table, think about the people who are helped by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), and make monetary contributions to the box - I put my pocket change in it every day. The boxes will be recalled in January and the money collected will be remitted by the church to the UUSC.

The month of November also means that we are moving on to considering our Third Principle in depth. As Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote:

-Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations-

Thus it is fitting that on Sunday, November 16, after the service, we will come together in a short congregational meeting to adopt the church's Mission Statement as a Congregational Covenant.

On Saturday, November 15, we will have our annual Harvest Dinner at the church. Look for announcements elsewhere about what time and what to bring.

I look forward to another meaningful month of being in beloved community with you.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Kathy

As Unitarian Universalists

we promote and affirm:

- 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle: A free and reasonable search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Children's Religious Education by Ashley Vormwold, RE Coordinator

“We believe each and every person is important,” the children’s version of the first UU principle, will continue to be our topic in November. In October, our focus was on recognizing the importance of others. Now, the children will explore their own importance. They will be looking at their own gifts and how their lives impact others.

We will also be preparing our children’s service this month. This annual service will take place on December 14th and we will use all our classes during the month of November to prepare and practice. **For this reason, it is especially helpful for children to attend RE classes as regularly as possible from now until our December service.**

Also, please join me in welcoming **Amanda Adrion** and **Kirkland Case** as our new childcare providers! Amanda will be with us most Sundays and Kirkland will be here every fourth Sunday of the month and when Amanda is unavailable (such as during college breaks).



A Note From Joyce by Joyce Morgan, BOD president

Hello All – Now it is November. Right now, I hear a flock of geese flying by outside my window. Was it just yesterday that the leaves were turning colors? I caught glimpses of snowflakes falling this morning on my way to work. Fallen leaves on the ground will soon be covered with glistening snow. And so the time goes. A third of my year as President of the Board has gone by.

I was encouraged last Sunday to see so many people at church. I have been a member of our church for many years. Our church family is very important to me. It is heartening to see, some weeks, many children for our story for all ages. Ashley Vormwald is such a great RE teacher. We are so lucky to have her.

By the time this newsletter is out, the children and I will have decorated some Guest At Your Table boxes. I look forward every year to having the children hand them out. It is a small way we can all help raise money for human rights. I’m glad social justice is one of the ways we express our first principle – The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

And of course, I cannot write my November letter to you without saying, I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a time for family and a time to remember things we are thankful for. We welcome you to attend our Harvest Dinner on November 15.

Until Sunday, Joyce.

A Call For Chalice Lighters by Rev. Kathy

I would like to start a sign-up sheet for people to light our chalice during the church service each week. Kids and adults alike are welcome to volunteer. I feel planning ahead for the chalice lighter makes for a smoother service and gives everyone who wants to light the chalice an opportunity to do it. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the kitchen bulletin board. Thanks!

—Rev. Kathy—



Congregational Meeting

This is a reminder that our Congregational Meeting will held Sunday, November 16, directly following the 10:30am service. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

The Wayside Pulpit

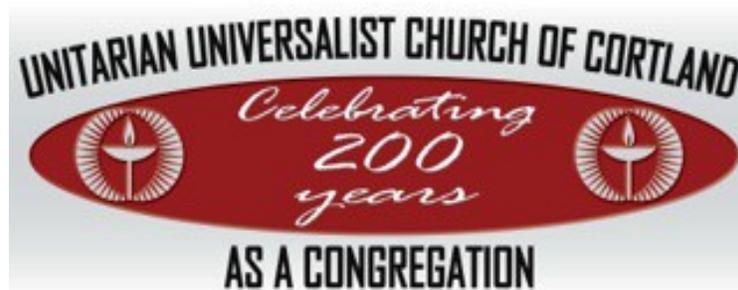
Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

—Melody Beattie

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Upcoming Programming

Join us for Social Hour downstairs after all 10:30am services.

Saturday, November 1st - 2:00 am: Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back by one hour.

Sunday, November 2nd - 10:30 am service with Kathy Tew Rickey.
"What is beloved community?"

Sunday, November 9th - 10:30 am service with Worker Justice of New York and Kathy Tew Rickey.

Saturday, November 15th - Time to be announced: Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 16th - 10:30 am service with Kathy Tew Rickey.
"Each is a voice for the whole."
-Congregational Meeting following service.

Sunday, November 23rd - 10:30 am service with Kathy Tew Rickey.

Sunday, November 30th - 10:30 am service with Autumn Pfister
on Kwanza.

