

Lighted Chalice

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March 2019

UUCTC is Growing! Dorothy Hughes



Participants in the first UUCTC Membership Class of 2019

The first membership class of 2019 was held on Saturday, February 9. Twelve participants gathered around the conference table in the Forum Room and were guided by our minister and several congregants to learn about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation. Childcare was provided by our nursery coordination, Christina Wright and Kirsten Reynolds.

The day started with getting acquainted and sharing our personal and religious backgrounds, as well as what brought us to check out Unitarian Universalism. As would be expected, there was a wide variety of religious backgrounds present and some overlap in stories. Joan Zinn was instrumental in keeping things running smoothly, attending to unexpected needs as they arose.

Our minister Rosemary Morrison was unable to be physically present and joined us via the internet app Zoom. We passed around the laptop so Rosemary could see each individual face present. She shared stories that gave a good feeling for the evolution of Unitarian Universalism that kept us all engaged.

Longtime member Kathy Coder shared the history of this congregation. Attendees learned about our several geographic moves, evolution from a fellowship to a church and our various ministers. She later shared, “There was a good turnout, good information, good lunch and good connections made. I really enjoyed the chance to get to know some of the new folks”.

Membership Chair Dorothy Hughes gave attendees an overview of how to get involved through joining committees, interest groups, and fellowship teams, volunteering at fundraisers and events, and our governance.

We enjoyed further fellowship while we took a break for lunch in Fellowship Hall expertly organized by Julie Hall. We were blessed to

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Our Connections

By Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister

I am inspired by the Religious Exploration banner curriculum that Nicole McCabe, our Director of Religious Exploration (DRE) created, during March



and April, the younger set will be exploring climate change and justice. The banner reads, 'Climate Change is Real,' a statement that I wholeheartedly agree with. To coordinate with the RE programing, I'm wishing to offer a four-sermon series in March to

explore the connections between ourselves and this amazing Earth we live on. During our time together we will be look at interdependencies and injustices that exist, along with hope that can be found in the efforts of many people working on the Earth's behalf. I have mostly questions, and I will be relying on the wisdom of others to help us through. Here is a sampling of some of the questions on my mind: How is climate change effecting those that live in developing countries? Is the Earth a living organism? What is the relationship between love and justice? How are reconciliation and climate justice related? What stereotypes do we carry with us that allow us to be part of the problem of polarization (us/them mentality)? How do we embody love and justice in our lives and relationships? What motivates us to engage in justice work? What stops us? How is racism/white supremacy embedded into and enabled through climate injustice?

This series will bring up these questions and others, and hopefully through our own work we will be clearer about what we are willing to do and willing to give up, creating a more just and loving world. I am no scientist, and I am not going to try to answer these questions from a scientific point of view, that's beyond my grasp.

Rather, I wish to look at the Earth and our impact upon it from a relationship, interdependence, spiritual, and theological perspective. I'm excited to be learning about this important topic along with you.



Save THE DATE

May 11

2019

RUMMAGE SALE



Are you ready?

Feature story

Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole McCabe

"I Am" By Mattie Stepanek

I am black. I am white.	I am a shadow. I am glory.
I am all skin in between.	I am hiding from my shame.
I am young. I am old.	I am hero. I am loser.
I am each age that has been.	I am yearning for a name.
I am scrawny. I am well fed.	I am empty. I am proud.
I am starving for attention.	I am seeking my tomorrow.
I am famous. I am cryptic.	I am growing. I am fading.
I am hardly worth the mention.	I am hope amid the sorrow.
I am short. I am height.	I am certain. I am doubtful.
I am any frame or stature.	I am desperate for solutions.
I am smart. I am challenged.	I am leader. I am student.
I am striving for a future.	I am fate and evolutions.
I am able. I am weak.	I am spirit. I am voice.
I am some strength.	I am memories not recalled.
I am none. I am being.	I am chance. I am cause.
I am thoughts.	I am effort, blocks and walls.
I am all things, said and done.	I am him. I am her.
I am born. I am dying.	I am reasons without rhymes.
I am dust of humble roots.	I am past. I am nearing.
I am grace. I am pain.	I am present in all times.
I am labor of willed fruits.	I am many. I am no one.
I am a slave. I am free.	I am seasoned by each being.
I am bonded to my life.	I am me. I am you.
I am rich. I am poor.	I am all souls now decreeing.
I am wealth amid strife.	I am.

NURSERY

Director, Christina Wright



As life's lessons are thrown at us, we must learn from past mistakes in

order to overcome future challenges. Mistakes are nothing to dread or to allow to defeat us. They are but bumps in the road of our continuing development. Like children struggling to reach a milestone there will be obstacles to navigate around in order to achieve the desired goal.

I find myself in such a moment now. New experiences keep being thrown in my path that I have yet know how to deal with appropriately.



Trial and error have been my method in the past. Today, being a new day, gives opportunity for reinvention through research and continued learning.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela





Membership Class Members touring the UUCTC building

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be served with freshly prepared homemade food provided by current members Sherry Tripodi, Susanne McConville, Julia Siblely, Renu Bhatia, Kirsten Reynolds and Lorraine Myer. There really is nothing like a home cooked meal! What a great way to make the participants feel welcome.

To start off our afternoon session, our Director of Religious Exploration, Nicole McCabe, provided an overview of her plans for RE for youth and gave a tour of the RE classrooms.

Kim Smith, 2019 Stewardship

Chair, provided an overview of stewardship at UUCTC and how we can share our time, talent and treasure in this beloved community with the focus of selecting what is the best fit for the volunteer.

Our current president-elect, Linda Prokopy, represented the Board at the class. Dorothy detailed the benefits of being a signed member of this congregation.

Interested participants signed the book and became official members of UUCTC. Please join me in welcoming our newest members: Hilary Noel, Jason and Leslie Tipton,

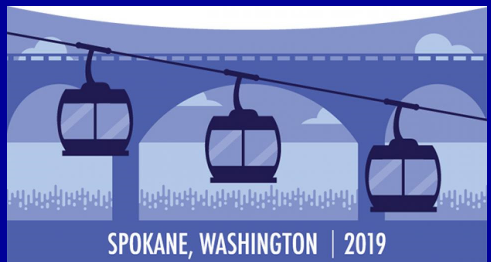
Lonna Beardslee, Larry Sommers, and Tricia Griem.

Dorothy brings her strong identification with her life long connection to the St. Francis of Assisi quote: "It is in giving that we receive." She reports that although being Membership Chair can be time consuming, she gains far more than she gives as she connects with new members. She encourages getting involved in an activity that energizes rather than drains you.

Another membership class will be held in the coming months, date to be determined later. If you are interested in the next class and/or if you enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed, please contact Dorothy Hughes at djhugheslmhc@gmail.com to reserve a spot on the Membership Committee.



Newest members: Hilary Noel, Jason and Leslie Tipton, Lonna Beardslee, Larry Sommers, and Tricia Griem.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Are you interested in attending the UUA's General Assembly (June 19-23, Spokane, WA)?

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. I'd also like to create a list for the Board of people attending who are interested in serving as delegates of our church.

Linda Prokopy,
Board President-Elect
lprokopy@gmail.com

UUCTC

Social Justice to host Clothing Drive



With the changing weather, our annual Goodwill Clothing Drive is rapidly approaching. As you sort out clothing no longer needed, consider turning them into cash for someone in need.

For every bag of clothing collected and donated to Goodwill Industries, we receive money vouchers that we then distribute to local charities.

The main collection day is May 25th. Please use the white 13 gallon kitchen bags, or something similar, which are easier for both you and us to carry. This is a clothing drive; no shoes, belts, hangers, or household items are accepted.

If you have questions, please contact Susanne McConville at suemconville1200@gmail.com

Intersectionalities
MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2019
April 5-7 in St. Louis Missouri
Keynote: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Are you interested in attending our district's Regional Assembly (April 5-7, St. Louis)? I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. I'd also like to create a list for the Board of people attending who are interested in serving as delegates of our church.

Linda Prokopy, lprokopy@gmail.com

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UUCTC Has Gone Digital?

Update by the Communication Committee



Did you know our church hosts a podcast of sermons? You can subscribe through iTunes/Apple Podcasts (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/weekly-sermons-from-uuctc/id1435107635?mt=2>) or Google Play ([https://play.google.com/music/m/Ihpobleapimkgzwwtanlm4r5kle?](https://play.google.com/music/m/Ihpobleapimkgzwwtanlm4r5kle?t=Weekly_sermons_from_UUCTC)

[t=Weekly_sermons_from_UUCTC](https://play.google.com/music/m/Ihpobleapimkgzwwtanlm4r5kle?t=Weekly_sermons_from_UUCTC)). We tend to batch our uploads, so it might take us a little while and then we'll upload a bunch at a time.

However, you can always go back and listen to our archive of sermons through your favorite podcast device. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to connect with us in spirit!



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Save The Date

May 25, 2019; 10AM to 2PM



An Awakening...

A Preview of Forum and Worship

March 3rd at 9:00 AM

Speaker: **Larry Guentert**

Topic: **How Our Dietary Choices Affect our Health and That of the Planet**

"This will be a presentation of the main points from a course completed last month from Cornell University on Diet, Nutrition, and Optimizing your Health and the Planets'."

March 10th at 9:00 AM

Speaker: **Tom Smith, Linda McKinney**

Topic: **Green Burial**

Green, or natural, burial is a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health, and the restoration and/or preservation of habitat

March 17th at 9:00 AM

Speaker: **Susanne McConville**

Topic: **Citizens Climate Lobby video and more**

March 24th at 9:00 AM

Speaker: **Tom Busch**

By the turn of the 19th Century, the intolerable situation in the Pale of Settlement sparked evolutionary fervor throughout the area of Eastern Europe controlled by Russia. Numerous groups formed to take action to address the problem, rejecting the passive, prayerful approach of their grandfathers.

March 31st at 9:00 AM

Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

March 3rd at 10:30 AM

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **Our Interdependence Calls Us to Love and Justice**



March 10th at 10:30 AM

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **Justice Looks Like Love in Public**

March 17th at 10:30 AM

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **What is the Work we are Called to Do?**

March 24th at 10:30 AM

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **Living and Loving Interdependently**

March 31st at 10:30 AM

Speaker: **Nicole McCabe, DRE**

Topic: **Youth led service**



UUCTC March 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) Outside 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH & K)	2 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
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TRANSITIONS TEAM

INTRODUCING Rev. Rosemary Morrison's Transition Team

Members of the team follow:

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What is the purpose of a "Transition Team?" Rev. Morrison will be with our congregation for about 2 years, and this team will be her "Committee on



(l) Minister Rosemary Morrison and Cheryl Fowler after coffee.

Ministry." The team will support her, discussing congregational feedback and working on UUCTC ministry issues. If you have feedback, either positive or negative, you may contact any member of the team. Please realize that no feedback can go anywhere if it is anonymous.



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**Submission Deadline is the
15th of month**

SAVE THE DATE

March 12 UUCTC Board
Mtg.; 6:30pm
(101/103)

March 14 UUCTC Worship
Committee Mtg.
5:30pm (101/103)

March 15 Lighted Chalice
Submission Deadline

March 19 UUCTC Pastoral
Care Mtg. (MO)

March 21 UUCTC SJ Mtg.
7PM

March 22 Ostara Service
7PM (Fire pit
area)

March 31 Youth Service

March 5 UUCTC Program
Council Mtg. 6pm
(101/103)

March 7 UUCT Finance Mtg.
6pm (102)

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