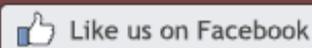


The Chalice

Newsletter of the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



March 2021



If you have announcements for The Chalice,
send them to office@ouuf.org at least one week before the first of the month.

Thank You!

Upcoming Services March 2021

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March 7

TED Talk

Caitlin Chapman, Ann Cook-Frantz, Brian Warren, with Zoom support from
Jeff Witmer

On first Sunday's we watch a TED Talk together and go into breakout rooms for facilitated
discussion, followed by Joys & Concerns.

March 14

"Loved Into Being: A Stewardship Adventure from the Unitarian Universalist Association"
Marianna Carney, Rev. Mary Grigolia

Faith in UUism isn't an intellectual exercise: it's "heart" work. Featuring a sermon by UUA
President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, vibrant music and storytelling to grow in spirit,
courage, and generosity. Featuring Rev. Chris Long, Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons,
Music Director Jen Hayman.

March 17, 4:00pm

"Blind-Sided by the Right? Roots of Contemporary Right-wing American Extremism: Manipulating Unbridled Individualism for Power (Over) and Profit"
Rev. Mary Grigolia

Rev. Mary Grigolia shares insights from Heather Cox Richardson, professor of American History at Boston College. Followed by discussion. All are welcome.

Use Zoom login: <https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife>

March 21

"Gratitude and Generosity"

Barbara (Zelda) Zelle and Rev. Mary Grigolia

For democracy (and UU congregations) to flourish, citizens have to trust one another, the institutions we create, and a shared vision of the world we're creating together. We inhale with gratitude, we exhale with acts of generosity.

March 28

"Finding Common Ground, 1"

Barbara (Zelda) Zelle and Rev. Mary Grigolia

How We Got Here - How do we understand the rise of the alt-right and "Conspiracism?" American democracy was hacked via lies pitting us against each other. Trust has been challenged, How did this happen?

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Zoom Addresses

Sunday Service Zoom Login

Join via computer: <https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY11TWXdkdVluYUVXOT09>

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OOUF Events Calendar

events are online and times are PM unless otherwise specified

*For more information, and to see when rooms are reserved for private use,
check our online calendar.*

1 Mon

7:00-9:00 OOUF Men's Group via Zoom

2 Tue

7:00-8:00 Poetry Group via Zoom

3 Wed

4 Thu

10:00-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom

2:00-3:30 Dream Group via Zoom

7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation Group via Zoom

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16 Tue**17 Wed**

4:00 UU Kendal Gathering via Zoom

18 Thu

10:00-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom

2:00-3:30 WISE Women via Zoom

3:45-5:00 Adult Program Team Meeting via Zoom

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1:00 Listening to Writers of Color Book Group via Zoom

Mary's Musings



What Are You Committed To?

We've been participating in a UUA-related program, Soul Matters, that supports small group ministry, religious exploration for children and youth, and worship. The Soul Matters theme for March is Commitment.

What does commitment mean to you as an individual after a year of pandemic? What does it mean to us as a congregation?

The word (commit) means, 'putting it in, together:' you can count on me, and I can count on you; we're holding each other, strengthening each other in a common endeavor.

Friends commit to personal priorities and practices that change day by day, week by week, year by year. The Fellowship's most recent documents (mission, purpose and covenant - all more than ten years old) do not use the words 'commit,' or 'commitment.'

Instead, we use 'covenant:' "We covenant to live together in our quest for truth, love, social justice, and environmental responsibility." Covenant is an explicitly religious/spiritual words meaning 'to come together.' It is the foundation of Jewish life: the community in covenant with God, God in covenant with each person, the people in covenant with one another: It's all holy ground.

In time of pandemic, it is painful to read, "to live together." Grateful for Zoom, our bodies mourn the physical one another's presence.

Are the words still accurate for OUUF as a congregation? Covenants and Mission Statements can be so many fancy words. Words matter. And are forgotten on wall, in the file cabinet, in cloud storage.

What is alive now? What is moving us to live our UU values, revealing what matters to us now? What commitments do we need to make - to each other, to our world, to ourselves?

I'm moved by the need to protect democracy, to dismantle systems of oppression (e.g., white supremacy, misogyny, homophobia) to (re)build trust in our society, to find common ground and to defend the common good (protecting the air, water, life on earth).

I'm concerned by the hate speech and brutality of the alt-right and by normative bullying on social media, which puts people on the defensive, and closes down our ability to connect, to trust.

I commit to the practice of kindness, admitting when I'm wrong or don't know. I commit to slowing down and listening. I commit to be: aware of what I think and how I feel, specific about what I need and what I can do in service to the congregation.

I commit to watching for and naming where inspiration is arising (in the congregation, committee, group or individual); where it's getting stuck, where it's died.

I'm curious about what's moving you, and what you're ready to commit to as we prepare for spring, for new life?

I commit to working with you, if you'd like support in your needs and yearnings, and to inviting you in - to my projects, services, and wonderings.

May we support one another in exploring and honoring our commitments, for our mutual well-being and for the well-being of OUUF. - Rev. Mary

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY April 25, 2021

We hear it can be awkward, not knowing how a friend might respond to invitation. An Open Spiritual Community like ours makes a real difference in people's lives! We encourage all of us to overcome our hesitation.

In Breakout Groups after the service March 28, we will explore with Rev. Mary and Dr. Kay the most comfortable and effective ways of inviting a guest to attend a service in the zoom era. We hope you'll join us for the fun.

March 2021 Cause of the Month

As part of our covenant with one another, OUUF members have made a commitment to live our values in the world through Causes of the Month, which we support through our offering.

The cause for March 2021 is the Lorain County Free Clinic.

The Lorain County Free Clinic plays a significant role in bridging the gap for the medically

uninsured seeking access to quality health care. It provides a safety net for county residents without affordable access to health care benefits. Qualified patients are 19 to 65 years old, with incomes at or below 150% of the Federal poverty level, who find themselves unable to qualify for Medicaid or too young to apply for Medicare. They are eligible to receive medical, vision and prescription drug services. The Free Clinic, a volunteer-driven organization, provides care from several locations.

**JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021
CAUSES OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE**

JULY Oberlin Weekday Community Meals
AUGUST League of Women Voters- Oberlin Area
Education Fund
SEPTEMBER El Centro
OCTOBER Genesis House
NOVEMBER OCS Helping Hands
DECEMBER UU Service Committee- Guest At Your Table
JANUARY Let's Get Real
FEBRUARY The Haven Center of Neighborhood Alliance
MARCH Lorain Co. Free Clinic
APRIL Lorain Co. Rape Crisis Center
MAY UUA Disaster Relief Fund
JUNE Family Planning Service of Lorain Co.

EVENING MEDITATION GROUP.

Every Thursday 7 TO 8 PM. On Zoom until it is safe to meet in person.

"Meditation can give you what you cannot get from any other source, it introduces you to yourself. It allows you to see that the Spirit is within you. You are no longer alone." - Swami Rama

The meditation group that started as a Sangha in Michael Reitz's (Casper) apartment a year ago has continued to meet, using his excellent format as a guide. We would be delighted if others would like to join us.

Call or email Ann Cook-Frantz, convener, if you would like to join us, and she will send you the zoom link: anntcf78@gmail.com. or 5087-572-0563

Adult Programs

Tuesdays:

Poetry Group, Tuesday, March 2, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom

Bring poems that speak to your life, that spark your imagination in these winter days; come to listen and share. (Poems do not have to reference Groundhogs). All are welcome.

Zoom login for Poetry is:

<https://zoom.us/j/99928081815?pwd=To5FQk5sZo5TbEpLUGNmTk5NMldhdzo9>

Meeting ID: 999 2808 1815

Passcode: 559893

Join by smartphone by dialing: 301-715-8592, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 99928081815#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 559893

Care-Givers Support Group, Tuesday, March 23, 4-5 p.m. on Zoom.

Do you care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend or child? Join us. Led by Rev. Mary. All are welcome. (usually 4th Tuesdays, meeting monthly)

Zoom login for Care-Givers is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91083839716?pwd=SlFzZWROt1pESnhQNo4yeU1PSXlKUTo9>

Meeting ID: 910 8383 9716

Passcode: 510093

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 91083839716#, (then perhaps: 0#,) then entering the passcode plus pound: 510093#

Book Group: Listening to Writers of Color, Tuesday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our March book is *Entry Without Inspection* by Cecile Pineda.

About the Book:

Cecile Pineda-award-winning Chicana novelist, memoirist, theater director, performer, activist-felt rootless throughout much of her life. Her father was an undocumented Mexican immigrant, and her mother was a French-speaking immigrant from Switzerland. Pineda, born in New York City, felt culturally disconnected from both of her parents, while also ill at ease in U.S. culture. In her life, we see the strange intersection of immigrant politics, troubles with ethnic identity, and the instability of family ties.

Pineda traces her story while also documenting the work of the first whistleblower to reveal an immigrant death in detention, in 2009, with the storylines converging to reveal the lasting consequences of U.S. immigration policy. She explores the ripple effects of these policies over generations, revealing the shocking truths of marginalization and deportation. Pineda exposes both the cultural losses and the traumatic aftereffects of misguided U.S. immigration policy. *Entry Without Inspection* is a truly American story in all its historical and emotional complexity, one in which personal ethics and political commentary are necessarily and inextricably interwoven.

Zoom Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84335138667?pwd=b1EyN3NZZHNDRGNNb3lMT292T2l3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 843 3513 8667

Passcode: 302751

Wednesdays

What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group, Wednesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Zoom

You are warmly invited to explore with us all the ways in which the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism lie at the heart of Jesus' consciousness.

Zoom Login:

<https://zoom.us/j/99356254184?pwd=ZkoyVmdJSXAoaGk5dGozZW5adWVadz09>

Meeting ID: 993 562 54184

Passcode: 580 483

Thursdays

Thursday Morning Meditation, (weekly on Thursdays), 10-11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Welcoming awareness as the wise body, beautiful heart, responsive mind, and boundless spirit. Drawing wisdom from many traditions. All are welcome. Led by Rev. Mary.

Zoom login for Meditation is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97515604579?pwd=bjJRcWdpMU1VcGxpVHNiZXlnS2piUTo9>

Meeting ID: 975 1560 4579

Passcode: 679876

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 97515604579#, (then perhaps: 0#,) then entering the passcode plus pound: 679876#

Dream Group - Thursday, March 4, 2-3 p.m. on Zoom.

Exploring spiritual growth through metaphors, stories, roles and relationships, wisdom and humor of dreams. Bring a dream (or dream cameo) to share. All are welcome.

Zoom login for Dream Group is:

<https://zoom.us/j/93122029279?pwd=TC9UMmVGQVZHUHEzcWJ1OWUzUHOrZz09>

Meeting ID: 931 2202 9279

Passcode: 238245

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-205-6099, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 93122029279#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 238245#

WISE Women - Thursday, March 18, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Explore our monthly theme, Imagination, How are you experiencing Imagination this month? All are welcome.

Zoom login for WISE Women is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91280099980?pwd=MUsxb1BDMjA2SVQoTVR3cTRDVWZGUTo9>

Meeting ID: 912 8009 9980

Passcode: 527342

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-205-6099, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 91280099980#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 527342#

Fridays

Friday After-Lunch UU Check-in with Rev. Mary, Fridays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Zoom

In this time of turbulence, when faith in democracy and the common good is needed:

- What's touching you in current affairs?
- What's happening in your family and friendships?
- How are you personally?

Zoom Login: <https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife>

Current Events Discussion Group, March 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Zoom

We gather to enhance our awareness of current events and provide emotional support to one another in responding to them with vigor.

Zoom Login:

<https://zoom.us/j/94407037950?pwd=UW5EcC9kMnlzOGFDazNYYndNNldvUTo9>

Meeting ID: 937 7402 1775

MORE ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE & TEAM EVENTS

Worship Team

Our mission is to facilitate worship that is transformational for the individual, congregation, and beyond.

OUUC Sunday Services & OUUF Worship teams meet together on Wednesday, March 24, 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome.

NOTE NEW TIME & DAY (4th Wednesdays, 4-5:30)

Zoom login:

<https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQTo9>

Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519

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Care Team OUUF

Our mission is to make visible the "spirit of caring fellowship", facilitating care for members and friends in their times of need.

Adult Program Team

Our mission is to provide transformational adult programs for spiritual exploration and ethical living for members and friends of OUUF and the larger community.

Adult Program Team meets on Thursday, March 18 at 3:45 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/97055771526?pwd=Q1psWjJzcDZxeWx0WHRpMlBqYnB0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 970 5577 1526

Passcode: 975903

Join by smartphone by dialing: 301-715-8592, then when prompted entering the Meeting ID

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Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for new members! If you are interested in joining, please send an email stating your interest to communications@ouuf.org.

8 to 9 p.m.

Hal Walker Concert for Peace & Justice & Loving Your Neighbor

All of the funds raised by this concert will be used to help UUJO continue its efforts for economic justice, racial justice, criminal justice reform and its new environmental justice initiative. In 2021, UU Justice Ohio needs to raise funds to help organize Earth Ministry interest groups in all Ohio UU congregations and create environmental justice educational opportunities for all Ohioans.

Enjoy the music and help Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio continue to lead the fight for economic justice, criminal justice reform, and environmental justice!

Minimum suggested donation \$15.

Please Register at <http://bit.ly/UUJOConcert>

Hal Walker grew up in Kent, Ohio blowing the harmonica along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. He is a singer, songwriter and musical "explorer". A natural-born musician, he is truly one-of-a-kind. His creative and passionate style engages audiences of all ages. Hal Walker writes soul-searching songs that celebrate community, diversity and the creative process. His soaring baritone voice is a Northeastern Ohio treasure. Hal has released 2 albums of his songs and one CD of instrumental music. Home in Ohio and Life Wonderful are available for purchase online and on itunes. See more about Hal at <https://www.halwalkermusic.com/>

If you have any questions about UUJO or the concert, please contact Rev Joan VanBecelaere at info@uujo.org

UUA News

UUA Youth Opportunities

From involvement in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to leading the faith caucus to establish the International Criminal Court, to overcoming UN apathy about sexual orientation & gender identity issues, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) has a long history of providing strong leadership in all aspects of human rights at a policy level.

With a deep passion for and commitment to international human rights, youth and adults from all over North America gather annually for our three day seminar to dig deeply into issues with global impact.

The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, and worship services, participants undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth as we explore some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. Registration for the Virtual 2021 Intergenerational Spring Seminar will open in December 2020.

[Register here.](#)

Exploring Class and Classism

[UU Class Conversations](#) provides Unitarian Universalist congregations and organizations with the tools and language to explore class and classism through a distinctly UU lens. Building upon our faith community's ongoing diversity work - from race to gender to sexual orientation to gender identity - the project aims to produce more welcoming congregations while strengthening our shared commitment to social justice.

Multicultural Leadership & Inclusion

Effective justice ministry depends on partnership, since racial discrimination touches everyone. UU partners in racial justice work, beyond the Unitarian Universalist Association, include UU State Action Networks, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the UU College of Social Justice, Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), and Allies for Racial Equity. UUs also form interfaith partnerships, such as with the Interfaith Organizing Initiative, Congregation-Based Community Organizations, the Forward Together movement, the NAACP, and the Living Legacy Project. Learn more [here](#).

Reproductive Justice

Decisions about children, families and sexuality are some of life's most profound. We advocate not only for the freedom of those choices in each person's life journey, but also for the ability of all families and communities to realize a sense of wholeness with regard to their sexual and reproductive lives. We create safe and healthy environments for children in our faith communities and campaign publicly for just and compassionate laws for family planning, reproductive health, and gender equality. Read about what we're doing [here](#).

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