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The Chalice Newsletter of the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship October 2023

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Thank You!

Upcoming Services **The Gift of Heritage** October 2023 =====

October 1 **TED Talk: Our Stories Bring Us Together**

Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration. We will listen to a TED talk, "Our Stories Bring Us Together," by David Isay.

October 8 **Jesus: Non-Dual Storyteller, Activist, Catalyst**, expressing multiple worldviews in parables, beatitudes (and UU principles). Service presented by Rev. Mary & Jeff.

2nd of 4 services - The Non-Dual Jesus: Jesus wasn't a Christian; why the teachings of Jesus were downplayed by Christianity; with insights from integral (non-dual) spirituality. 2nd Sundays through December.

Each service followed by an evening Zoom deep dive, 4th Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife> (October 24).

October 15 **Protecting and Acknowledging Our Heritage**

The written word and storytelling is one of the key methods of sharing culture, heritage, and history, both the good and the bad. This service, built in response to Banned Book

week, will look at the larger movement to ban or censor various art forms, why the movement exists, and what we can do about it. Service led by Ryan Mincey with readings and music selected by Lisette Burwasser, Katie Cross, and Ann Cook-Frantz.

**October 22
Re-Imagining America’s Heritage**

Setting our heritage free from romanticized doctrine, to become a truth-telling, “living tradition,” drawing on Lincoln’s “more perfect union” and spiritual activist Valarie Kaur’s, “America longing to be born.” What is our role as citizens and as spiritual communities? Service led by Rev. Mary.

**October 29
Samhain**

We have no choice but to be haunted. Long after a loved one or friend dies, we still have undelivered messages for that person. This service, drawing on pre-Christian traditions of the Celts, addresses that unmet need. All are welcome. Service led by David and Lisette Burwasser.

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Zoom Addresses

Sunday Service Zoom Login

Join via computer: <https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519

Join via smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the Meeting ID followed by the pound sign: 92624190519#, then entering the password: 134017#

Mary's Musings *The Gift of Heritage*



This month’s theme is *Heritage*. Adults raised in the US grew up with stories of Christopher Columbus “discovering” America, which incidentally was already inhabited. Over the last decades, American historians and teachers have unraveled the conqueror’s story to include and wonder about wider and deeper perspectives. We who live in the United States benefit from its experiment with democracy; we also must learn the reality of the degradation and destruction of cultures and peoples who were here before us. Our heritage is all this: To be a living tradition, it needs us to learn from it all, in order to live not as clueless conquerors but as citizens co-responsible for creating justice, evolving democracy with a culture of compassion and equity, facing and responding to challenges of authoritarianism, racial injustice and climate change together.

For Americans who benefitted from post-World War II stability, we do not carry the trauma of those who witnessed total destruction of their cultures, homes and families. Now is the time to use gifts of stability to learn to speak the truth about our heritage - the brutal and the visionary. And to help others finding their ways to future stability through truth telling and working together.

May we celebrate the many strands of heritage that weave us together, may we weave a legacy of welcoming, spiritual community, grounded in Love.

A good October to us all,
Rev. Mary

October 2023 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.

Volunteers for Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy climate change organization, are organized into hundreds of local chapters across the U.S. and internationally. These chapters build political support for climate action with a consistently respectful approach designed to create a sustainable foundation to drive climate action across geographic regions and political inclinations. By focusing on shared values, we build relationships with community leaders and elected officials, always starting from a place of respect, gratitude, and appreciation. The Oberlin chapter of CCL recently took on a new name: **CCL OH Lorain County**. We are striving to increase our outreach to more diverse areas of the county and to demonstrate to our Members of Congress that concern about the climate is widespread among county residents and a matter of great urgency.

At our service on Sun., Oct. 1, 2023, we'll share a video update about the program from Alison Ricker, co-chair of CCL OH Lorain.

JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024 CAUSES OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE

JULY - Oberlin Weekday Community Meals
AUGUST - LGBTQ+ Lorain County
SEPTEMBER - El Centro
OCTOBER - Oberlin Citizens Climate Lobby
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 - POWER (Providing Oberlin With Energy Responsibly)
APRIL - Lorain County Rape Crisis Center
MAY - UUA Disaster Relief Fund
JUNE - Family Planning Service of Lorain County

Adult Programs & Events

For a complete list of events taking place at OUUF, and to see when rooms are reserved for private use, [check our online calendar](#). Otherwise, events will be published in the "This Week @ OUUF" emails the week they occur.

Mondays:

OUUF Men's Group, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., hybrid meeting

The mission of the OUUF Men's Group is to:

- Support each other as men for positive participation in living the Unitarian Universalist principles in our personal and community lives.
- Strengthen our bond and covenant together, expressing feelings at deepening levels, speaking from the heart and listening actively without judgment.

- Facilitate personal and congregational spiritual growth in beloved community. Our relationships exist in the space between us, which is sacred (Martin Buber). We honor that space through the use of Essential Silence, I-Statements, and Active Deep Listening. Come once a week, once a month, or once a year. If you identify as male and generally agree with the principles of Unitarian Universalism we hope to see you here.

Zoom Meeting ID: 707 226 286

Passcode: 091 905

Tuesdays:

Poems to Live By, Poems to Wake Us Up: Monthly UU Poetry Group Zoom. **Oct 10, 2-3 p.m.** October's theme is the Gift of Heritage. Bring a poem (or two or three) that reflects heritage to you. Or come to listen. All are welcome.

Poetry Zoom login: [https://zoom.us/j/99928081815?](https://zoom.us/j/99928081815?pwd=To5FQk5sZO5TbEpLUGNmTk5NMLdhdz09)

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UU Resilience Conversations - Monthly conversation/check-in at Kendal; **Tuesday, Oct 24, 2-3 p.m.** (4th Tuesdays). October's theme is The Gift of Heritage. What is heritage to you? How do you honor your heritage? How do you evolve your heritage? Facilitated by Rev. Mary. All are welcome!

UUSOS Discussion Zoom (Update yoUr Spiritual Operating System):

Tuesday, Oct 24, 7-8 p.m. Exploring themes from the Oct 8th service: "Jesus: Non-Dual Storyteller, Activist, Catalyst." Exploring worldviews and levels of consciousness in the parables and beatitudes.

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

Wednesdays:

Pastoral Counseling/Check-In - 2nd & 4th Wednesday's, Oct 11 & 25, 11-12 noon Phone-in: 216-402-3438 or email Rev. Mary for an appointment at a different time (mary@marygrigolia.com). All are welcome.

Living with Change Covenant Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesday's, Oct 11 & 25, 2:30-4:30, in-person @ OUUF

Refreshments and socializing begin at 2:30, the meeting runs from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. After a check-in, the leader of the day introduces a topic and a discussion follows, sometimes about that topic and sometimes about a topic raised during the check-in. All are welcome.

Thursdays:

Deepening Circles Meditation (DCM) Thu, 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Reading Pema Chodron's, *When Things Fall Apart* - **Oct 5** (chap 10, Curious about Existence); **Oct 12** (chap 11, Nonaggression and the Four Maras); **Oct 19** (chap 12, Growing Up); and **Oct 26** (chap 13, Widening the Circle of Compassion). All are welcome. Led by Rev. Mary.

Zoom login:

<https://zoom.us/j/97515604579pwd=bjJRcWdpMU1VcGxpVHNiZXlnS2piUT09>

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Wisdom Dreams - Thu, Oct 5, 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Bring a dream (or dream image) to share. Explore together the messages, meanings, and metaphors, wisdom and humor. All are welcome.

DREAM Group: <https://zoom.us/j/93122029279?pwd=TC9UMmVGQVZHUHEzcWJ1OWUzUHOrZz09>
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WISE Women Women-in-Spirit Evolving - Thursday, Oct 19:
Optional WISE Feedback & Visioning session, 12:15-12:45: What's working well? What could be improved? Should we grow the group? In-person and on Zoom (link, below).

Monthly WISE Reflection & Sharing session, 1-2:30 p.m. Listen, share, support and celebrate what's emerging in our lives. We'll delve into The Gift of Heritage. All women are welcome. In-person at Olmsted UU and online:
<https://zoom.us/j/91280099980?pwd=MUsxb1BDMjA2SVQoTVR3cTRDVWZGUT09>
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Fridays:

Current Events Discussion Group, Oct 20, 7-9:00 p.m.

As a group we believe there is a difference between waiting and keeping vigil. "Anxious, impatient waiting is just waiting. But waiting with purpose, hope, and love is vigilant waiting." We warmly invite you to join us in our vigilant waiting to enhance our understanding of current events and provide emotional support to one another in community, responding to them with vigor. Ideas for social action initiatives are referred to the Social Justice Committee for consideration.

Zoom Login:
 Meeting ID: 937 7402 1775
 Passcode: 294 216

MORE ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE & TEAM EVENTS

Joys & Concerns, Oberlin Care Team - Wed Oct 11 at 2 pm on Zoom
 (<https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife>)

Oberlin Worship Team, NEW TIME: First Tuesdays, Oct 3, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom to reflect on past services and plan upcoming services. All are welcome. Same login as Sunday morning services:

<https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09>
Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519
Passcode: 134017

OOUF & OUUC Adult Program Teams, Thursday, Oct 19, 4-5 p.m. Update current programs, envision and plan new ones. All are welcome. On Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/97055771526?pwd=Q1psWjJzcDZxeWxoWHRpMlBqYnBoZz09>
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: NEW MEMBER WELCOMING Sunday October 22, 2023

Twice a year we're asked to consider with whom among our family, friends and acquaintances we would like to share our Oasis of Loving Engagement.

Invite them to attend in person on bring A Friend Sunday, October 22 in our sanctuary. Or, if indicated, invite them to zoom into the service, and provide their email address to our office manager so they receive an invitation with a link for the service. We will all be glad you did!

“A concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies - all of the things that quite literally make us who we are.” – Steve Berry

“Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children - are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings.” – Walt Disney

“I can and do aspire to be greater than the sum total of my experiences, but I accept my limitations. I willingly accept that we who judge must not deny the differences resulting from experience and heritage but attempt, as the Supreme Court suggests, continuously to judge when those opinions, sympathies and prejudices are appropriate.” – Sonia Sotomayor

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