

THE BRIDGE

4408 N. NC Hwy 111
Seven Springs, NC 28578
Phone 919-658-5267

Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

www.outlawsbridgechurch.org

newsletter@outlawsbridgechurch.org



APRIL 2010



Sunday Services

April 4 Easter Services with Rev. Claudia Frost
What is the message at the soul of the Gospels that claims resurrection? For sure it is a Universalist message about the kingdom. What does that mean for Unitarian Universalists on Easter Sunday in the 21st century?

April 11 "The Forgotten Message of Universalism"
with Jimmy Merritt

April 18 Lay Lead Service TBA

April 25 Services with Rev. Claudia Frost
From the terror of Jesus death to the beginnings of the early church, what is the Radical Shift in Vision contained in the gospel message? What is the heart of this vision about human life that is necessary for transformation for us and our world?

Every Sunday

9:45am - INTERGENERATIONAL
DEVOTIONAL

10:00am - ADULT AND YOUTH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

11:00am - CHURCH SERVICE

Religious Education

Adult Classes - Bart Erhamn's
"Misquoting Jesus" with Joseph Reilly
and Monica LaMastus

Children's Classes - UU Kids
with Lisa Stolar

Teen Classes - Being UU
with Robert Stolar

AUW

The Association of Universalist Women will meet April 17 at 2:30pm at the church. All are welcome to join in on the fellowship, fun and refreshments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt/No Sunday School
Do you have a favorite Breakfast Casserole? Bring it to go with our Pancakes.
Do you love to fix Easter Eggs? Bring some for the children to hunt.
11:00 a.m. Rev. Claudia's Easter Service.

Saturday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. Roadside Trash Pickup

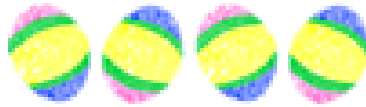
April 30 - May 1 - Thomas Jefferson District Annual meeting at historic Penn Center on St. Helena Island, out side Beaufort, SC. This will be a very important meeting because the congregational delegates will consider a number of issues, including a change in our district's name. Our congregation will need to discuss how our delegates should vote on behalf of the congregation. If you are planning on attending the meeting and could represent OBUC, please let Ann Malpass or Curtis Simmons know.

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day and Homecoming



Claudia's Notes

April 2010



Spring is finally here. Each day we wake to nature's proof that resurrection is happening all around us. As I drive across NC HWY 55 on my way to the church each week, it's easy to notice the signs of spring. Although there is still water standing in many of the fields, somehow the farmers know how to get the heavy equipment into the fields to work the dirt and get them ready for planting. The last signs of the old tobacco, cotton, or soy-bean crops are gone and I'm sure new green shoots will greet me in the weeks to come.

Daffodils are already lifting their brilliant yellow heads and if you pay attention you might see one of the beautiful bluebirds with the soft coral breasts that occasionally pause on the budding tree branches. What was the lavender color haze blanketing the edges of the fields a few weeks ago? Noticing these very first signs of spring as I drive across Eastern North Carolina and I walk in my neighborhood has been a joyful gift.

Unitarian Universalist lay leader, Barbara Rhode says any event, when it nourishes our spirits, delights us, brings us energy or vision or direction or courage, is experienced as a gift. It is the genesis of all songs of praise. I am not only singing silent songs of praise for the first signs of spring, I am humming a grateful tune for the gift of our recent Pathways to Ministry class. Fourteen people participated. This group included long time members, new members, prospective members and supportive spouses of other faith traditions. We will hold a Membership Covenanting Ceremony in the near future.

One of the gifts of this class was for me to learn more about you and to learn by trying new things. I am making assessments on what worked and what didn't; and planning future changes for the next time the class is offered. I would appreciate those who participated to give me suggestions or feedback. What did you come away missing that you thought you might learn? What did you like or find valuable from participating in the class? Also, if you participated in the class, please return your completed Membership Profile and Member Introduction sheet to the wire basket on my desk in the office.

Also, I wanted to let you know I will be contributing an article for the Understanding Faith column in the Mt. Olive Messenger each week in April. Be sure and pick up a free copy of this community paper during the month.

Thinking again of the new growth on the trees and fields, it not only heralds nature's resurrection of Spring but also serves as a metaphor for this month's theological themes. The sermons in April will focus on resurrection and transformation. Happy Easter!

With love, hope, and joy,
Claudia

