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Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church



March 2010



Sunday Services

March 7, 2010: "A Tribute to Albert Schweitzer" - Carol Simmons

March 14, 2010: "Cracked Open: An Exploration of Brokenness"-
Rev. Claudia Frost - As a religious faith we are often heavy on the
positive and saving message of love. What do we do when things
are cracked or even shattered. Does our religious faith have some-
thing to say to us then?

March 21, 2010: Rev. Justin Lapoint

March 28, 2010: "Sparks of Holiness" -Rev. Claudia Frost - It's
Palm Sunday. This is a time when our Jewish and Christian
heritages are closely intertwined. Let us look at the ancient stories
and their relationship to brokenness and Devine inspiration.

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

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The Association of Universalist Women
will not meet in March due to schedul-
ing conflicts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5-6: The Duplin County Business EXPO will be held at the Duplin County Events Center, Kenansville, NC. OBUC will have a booth at the EXPO to share information about our church. We will also be selling cookies, brownies and other goodies. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth on Friday evening and Saturday, either morning or afternoon. We also need volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, make rice krispy treats or other similar kinds of goodies. Please contact Peggy Jones at pjays2009@gmail.com or see her at church on Sunday to let her know when you can help.

March 20th, 8:30am -3:30pm the Eastern Carolina Cluster Gathering will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville, NC. Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed will speak on "The Perversity of Diversity. The gathering will include the keynote address, worship and workshops. All Ages are welcome. Go to www.uugreenvillenc.org/cluster for registration and the schedule or pick up a registration from at OBUC on Sunday. Let's make plans to attend.

Community Library each Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Grady-Outlaw Memorial Library in Albertson is supported entirely by volunteers. OBUC keeps the Library open on Tuesday evenings. We need volunteers for the second and/or third Tuesdays of the month. Please contact Peggy Jones at pjays2009@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer, or better yet, see her at church on Sunday.

Food Lion has changed its Lion Shop and Share program to Food Lion Community Rewards. If you previously linked your MVP card to OBUC for Lion Shop and Share, you will need to sign up again for Community Rewards. Please visit www.foodlion.com and click on MVP Rewards to link your Food Lion MVP Cards to Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church, organization code # 250798. Peggy Jones has already signed up those folks who previously sent her their information. If you would like her to sign you up, please email her at pjays2009@gmail.com your name as it appears on your MVP card, your 12 (yes twelve) digit MVP cardnumber and your telephone number. Or you can mail her your information at P O Box 235, Seven Springs, NC 28578. Thanks again for your support.

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Claudia's Notes



Faith, Hope, Justice, Love.....These have been the themes since October from which our worship materials have been based twice a month. During this season of Lent, our March theme is Brokenness. We don't have to look far in our lives to recall that most of us have experienced some form of brokenness. Brokenness of the body by illness or injury, brokenness of the heart after the death of a loved one or the ending of a relationship or many other kinds of brokenness can shatter our sense of balance.

During this month when we all like to think we are a bit "Irish" on St. Patrick's Day, I'd like to share a blessing from Irish teacher and poet, John O'Donohue who's work draws from his Celtic spiritual traditions.

For Equilibrium John O'Donohue To Bless the Space Between Us

*Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.*

*As the wind loves to call things to dance,
May your gravity be lightened by grace.*

*Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.*

*As water take whatever shape it is in,
So free may you be about who you become.*

*As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,
May your sense of irony bring perspective.*

*As time remains free of all that it frames,
May your mind stay clear of all it names.*

*May your prayer of listening deepen enough.
To hear in the depths the laughter of God.*

See you in church.
With Love, Hope, and Joy,

Claudia

